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SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Every member is requested to preserve this "Supplement," which contains matters specially referred to Divisions, until the subjects have been discussed by the Division to which he belongs.

BY ORDER.

MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

THE following additional notices of motion have been received for discussion by the Representative Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at Leicester, July 24th, 1905, and following days.

[*Notices previously received were published in the* SUPPLEMENT *of February 25th, page 57.*]

BY the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

A. (I) That in the opinion of this Representatives' Meeting it is desirable that this Association should have some Fund from which assistance could be given to widows, children, and others formerly dependent on deceased Members of the Association.

(II) That this Fund should be formed from grants made from the Funds of the Association, grants from Branch Funds, and gifts and legacies from individuals.

(III) That the Memorandum of Association, Articles and By-laws be altered, where necessary, to allow of the above being carried out.

(IV) That this Meeting do elect six who, with an equal number elected by the Central Council, shall prepare a scheme for such a Fund, and submit it to the Members by 31st March, 1906.

B. (I) That in the opinion of this Representatives' Meeting it is desirable that this Association should have as soon as possible a properly equipped Medical Agency department for the use of its Members.

(II) That the special Committee appointed to consider a Benevolent Fund Scheme do take this matter into their consideration and report.

In view of the fact that this Association is considering the question of Medical Contract Practice and also Hospital Reform, this Meeting of Representatives is of the opinion that some scheme might be evolved, under the control of the Central Office, and worked through the Division Committees, that would provide for those of the lower and lower middle classes, who do not need Hospital treatment, Medical treatment in their own homes, upon terms which would be satisfactory both to the Members of the Association and their Patients, and that could eventually embrace the whole of the United Kingdom.

This Meeting therefore decides to appoint a Committee of six (geographically representative) who shall, with six others to be appointed by the Central Council, investigate the matter, and report to the Divisions, not later than 31st March, 1906.

By the COVENTRY DIVISION (Birmingham Branch):

That By-law 17 be altered by the substitution of the word "Council" for "Branch Council."

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

March 2nd.

Proceedings of Standing Committees.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

November 8th, 1904.

A MEETING of the Organization Committee was held at the office of the Association on November 8th, 1904, when there were present: Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, in the chair, Mr. Andrew Clark (Chairman of Council), Mr. H. A. Ballance, Professor J. T. J. Morrison, Dr. E. Rayner, and Professor A. H. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the President, Dr. E. J. Cave, and Dr. J. Hamilton.

MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

The Medico-Political Committee was requested to favour the Committee with its opinion upon the following resolution of the Walthamstow Division referred by the Council to the Organization Committee for consideration and report:

That it is the opinion of this Division that the present method of referring business for its consideration is not satisfactory, and that the Central Council be requested to forward periodically to the Secretary a memorandum of such business, together with a concise statement of the facts and of the essential points on which an opinion is required.

RULES OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the Council had approved the Rules recommended by the Organization Committee, and also the Rules of the Gloucestershire Division relative to the formation of a Section for the Forest of Dean, received after the Committee meeting.

The Council was recommended to approve rules submitted by the Dundee Branch, and the South-West Wales and Aylesbury Divisions.

AMALGAMATION OF DIVISIONS.

The Council was also recommended to approve the combination of the Canterbury and Faversham Divisions in one Division, provided that the Branch Council approved of the same.

REPRESENTATION ON CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The consideration of a communication from the Fife Branch asking for independent representation on the Council was deferred until the Committee had before it the general question of grouping of Divisions and Branches for representative purposes for the year 1905.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MEDICAL SECRETARY.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported as to meetings which he had attended and had been invited to attend, and his attendance thereat was approved.

INTERPRETATION OF AN ARTICLE.

Arising out of the report of one meeting, the Committee considered the proper interpretation of the provision of Article XLIV, Section (E), that:

No member in regard to whom a representation as aforesaid has been made, or whose conduct is under investigation, or is the subject of inquiry by the Council or by a Branch, shall be capable of effectively resigning his membership of the Association until the decision of the Council or Branch be made known.

It was resolved that the advisability of altering the wording of Article XLIV, Section (E), in order to provide for inquiry by a Division, and to give some specific definition of the "commencement" of the inquiry, be noted as matters requiring consideration on some future occasion.

ADVISABILITY OF MEDICAL SECRETARY'S VISITS.

Attention having been drawn to objections which had been raised to the attendance of the Medical Secretary at meetings of Divisions and Branches as being unnecessary, the Committee expressed the opinion that the attendance of the Medical Secretary at such meetings as had from time to time been reported to it was advantageous to the Association.

FORM OF VOTING PAPER.

Upon the consideration of an instruction from the Council to prepare a model form of voting paper for the election by Branches of members of the Central Council, the Medical Secretary was instructed to draft a form for submission to the Committee at its next meeting, the form to contain only such matters as were required by By-law 24 to appear on the voting paper, together with the necessary directions to the voter.

REPRESENTATION OF DIVISION.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the following application from the East Anglian Branch with reference to the limit of size of a Division for independent representation in the Representative Meeting:

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT KELLING, HOLT, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1904.

Resolved (unanimously):—That this meeting of the East Anglian Branch Council desires to draw the attention of the Central Council to the unsatisfactory position in which certain Divisions are placed by reason of the regulation in accordance with which a Division must possess a Membership of not less than 50 to obtain independent representation at the Representative Meeting.

In the grouping of two or more Divisions each of which has a Membership of under 50 for the purpose of forming a Constituency according to Article XXVII, it happens, owing to the difficulty of railway communication between neighbouring Divisions, that, when a conjoint meeting of these Divisions is held to elect a Representative for the Constituency, only those Members will attend who reside in the Division in which the meeting takes place, and thus it follows that at the present time certain Divisions are practically disfranchised, and that, in the case of one of the most important meetings that Members of the Association should attend, a main principle of the New Constitution is unfulfilled, namely, that provision be made for the meeting together of Members in a locality without an undue sacrifice of their time.

In view of the fact that the total number of Representatives is very far from reaching the limit of 300 laid down in Article XXVII, the East Anglian Branch Council suggests for the earnest consideration of the Central Council the desirability of so altering this Article that the present minimum limit of 50 Members to a Division, necessary for it to secure independent representation, may be lowered to 30, or to a smaller number, and that by this means a cause of serious dissatisfaction in certain Divisions may be removed.

The Committee had before it particulars of the present membership of Divisions and of the grouping as determined in May, 1904. It was resolved that the Council be advised to propose that the limit for a separate constituency to elect a representative under Article XXVII be reduced to 30.

ANNUAL REPORT FORMS.

An instruction from the Council to prepare annual report forms suitable for use by Divisions received preliminary consideration.

CIRCULARS TO NON-MEMBERS.

The Committee instructed the Medical Secretary to issue to Honorary Secretaries of Divisions a letter concerning the

issue of circulars to non-members and a model form of circular which had been prepared by the Chairman and the Medical Secretary in accordance with the instructions of the Committee.

AMALGAMATION OF PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

A letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Bradford Division, making inquiries as to certain points which had arisen in connexion with the proposed amalgamation of the Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society and Medico-Ethical Society with the Bradford Division of the Association, was further considered, together with an opinion by the Solicitor which had been obtained on certain of the points raised. The Medical Secretary was instructed to forward to the Bradford Division a statement of the effect of the regulations as to the matter submitted.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF BRANCH AND DIVISION SECRETARIES.

The Committee considered the following resolution, referred by the Council to the Committee:

> That the Council be asked to sanction a meeting of the Division and Branch Secretaries at the Annual Meeting to be held at Leicester,

and instructed the Medical Secretary to address a circular letter to the Honorary Secretaries of Divisions and Branches, inviting their opinion as to the advisability of the proposed conference, and making certain suggestions as to the nature of the conference.

December 13th, 1904.

A FURTHER meeting of the Committee was held on December 13th, 1904, when there were present: Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, in the chair, Mr. Andrew Clark (Chairman of Council), Mr. H. A. Ballance, Dr. J. Hamilton, Professor J. T. J. Morrison, Dr. E. Rayner, and Professor A. H. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the President and Dr. E. J. Cave.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the City Division, containing the following resolution of a meeting of Secretaries and Treasurers of the Metropolitan Counties Branch and its Divisions:

> That this meeting of the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Metropolitan Counties Branch and its Divisions does most strongly disapprove of the suggestion that the number of members necessary to constitute a Division having separate representation at the Representative Meeting of the Association be for the present less than fifty.

The resolution was directed to be entered on the minutes.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Having considered a letter from the Devonport Division communicating the following resolution of the Division:

> That where a medical firm is represented by one member at full subscription, any other member of the firm, or their assistant, may be admitted to membership of the Association at a reduced fee, a second copy of the JOURNAL not being sent or required,

the Committee instructed the Medical Secretary to reply that the regulations of the Association did not admit of the proposed arrangement.

CIRCULATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

The Committee received the reply of the Medico-Political Committee[1] to the inquiry as to the matters arising out of the resolution of the Walthamstow Division, and expressed its concurrence therein.

The Committee had before it a report on the replies received from the Honorary Secretaries of Divisions and Branches to an inquiry which, by instruction of the Chairmen of the Medico-Political and Organization Committees, the Medical Secretary had made as to the relative advantages of publication of matters referred to Divisions in the SUPPLEMENT, or the circulation to members of separate reports. In addition to the resolutions of the Medico-Political Committee, the Committee recommended that such matters as are specially referred to Divisions should occupy first place in the SUPPLEMENT, and that bold type should be used in order to draw attention to them.

[1] SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, February 25th, p. 60.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF BRANCH AND DIVISION SECRETARIES.

On consideration of replies received from the Honorary Secretaries of Divisions and Branches to the inquiry of the Committee concerning the proposed conference of Division and Branch Secretaries at the time of the Annual Meeting, it was resolved that it would be advisable that a conference should be held at Leicester if possible, and that the arrangements be left to the Honorary Secretaries.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MEDICAL SECRETARY.

The report of the Medical Secretary as to meetings of Divisions and Branches which he had attended, and had been invited to attend, was received and approved.

RULES OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Council was recommended to approve the Rules submitted by the Newton Abbot (Torquay) and Tunbridge Wells Divisions.

DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES AND THE ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS.

The Committee instructed the Medical Secretary to issue a circular to Divisions and Branches calling their attention to those alterations in the by-laws which specially affected their rules and proceedings.

DIVISIONAL CHANGES.

The Committee approved of the change of name of the Newton Abbot Division to the Torquay Division, as desired by the Division, subject to the approval of the Branch Council; the transference of Willoughbridge and Ashley from the Mid-Staffordshire Division to the North Staffordshire Division, subject to the concurrence of the Divisions; and that the Shropshire Division be constituted a separate Branch, as desired by the Division, subject to the approval of the North Wales Branch Council, and subject to an agreed definition of boundaries being supplied by the two bodies concerned to the Committee.

VOTING PAPER FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BRANCH COUNCIL.

The Council was recommended to approve the following model form of voting paper for the election of members of the Central Council by Branches.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL FOR 1905-6.

VOTING PAPER.

.....Branch(es).

(The Branch is entitled to elect Members of Council.)

The Members named below, being eligible under By-law 27 for election by the Branch as Members of the Central Council, have been duly nominated in accordance with By-law 24.

Directions to Voters.

Place a mark thus × against the name or names of those for whom you desire to vote (being not more than candidates), sign the paper, and return to not later than next.

If these conditions are not observed your vote cannot be counted.

(Signed).....

Hon. Sec. ..... Branch.

Voter's Mark.	Name of Candidate.	Address.

Signed by

Name.....

Address .....

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MODEL FORM OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Committee approved and ordered the Medical Secretary to forward to the Honorary Secretaries of Divisions model forms of Annual Reports from Divisions to Branches.

The Committee recommended the Council to instruct the Committee to prepare model forms of reports from Branches to the Central Council, and resolved that the matter of the form of annual reports of Divisions to Branches and of Branches to the Central Council be considered again by the Committee at the October meeting in 1905. An instruction of the Council with reference to the Divisions that have not appointed Secretaries was referred to the Chairman and Medical Secretary for investigation and report.

AGENDA OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS.

On consideration of the question of forwarding the agenda of Representative Meetings to the Secretaries of Divisions and Branches referred by the Council to the Committee, the Committee resolved:

That it is desirable that the Secretaries of Branches and Divisions receive agendas of all Representative Meetings.

February 14th, 1905.

A FURTHER meeting of the Organization Committee was held at the office of the Association on February 14th, 1905, when there were present: Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL (in the chair); Mr. Andrew Clark (Chairman of Council); Mr. H. A. Ballance, Professor J. T. J. Morrison, and Professor A. H. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the President, Dr. E. Rayner, and Dr. J. Hamilton.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MAPS.

In reply to an inquiry from the Honorary Secretary of a Division, the Medical Secretary was instructed to state that a copy of the office map showing the boundaries of the Branch or Division would be forwarded to any Honorary Secretary of a Branch or Division who desired it.

DIVISION EXPENDITURE.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of a Division as to the distribution of Division expenditure between the scientific and other objects of the Division. The reply which had been given by the Medical Secretary was approved.

THE SUPPLEMENT.

The Committee considered a report on the replies from Honorary Secretaries of Divisions regarding the issue in the SUPPLEMENT of reports referred to the Divisions, as contrasted with the proposed alternative of having such reports separately printed and supplied to Honorary Secretaries of Divisions for distribution to their members with the notices convening the Division meetings. The replies indicated that a considerable majority of Honorary Secretaries considered publication in the SUPPLEMENT the preferable method—at all events, for the present.

The Committee expressed its agreement with the suggestion of an Honorary Secretary that there should be a standing notice on the front of the JOURNAL drawing the attention of members to the importance of reading and preserving the SUPPLEMENT.

INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported that sixty-one Honorary Secretaries had replied to the circular letter addressed to the Divisions on December 1st by the Committee. Fifty-six of these approved of the suggested circular letter to non-members, and asked for copies for issue. In all 3,390 copies had been supplied.

The Committee approved the action reported.

MEDICAL SECRETARY'S VISITS TO DIVISIONS, ETC.

The Committee approved the Medical Secretary's report of meetings which he had attended of the Southend Medical Society and of the Wandsworth and Marylebone Divisions, and visits arranged to the Tottenham Division and the Isle of Wight.

RULES OF BRANCHES.

It was resolved that the attention of the Hong Kong and Cape of Good Hope (Western Province) Branches be drawn to certain proposed rules which were *ultra vires*. With these exceptions, the Council was recommended to approve the rules submitted.

The Council was recommended to approve the rules submitted by the Metropolitan Counties Branch.

SPECIAL RULES OF COLONIAL BRANCHES.

The Medical Secretary was instructed to suggest to the Colonial Branches named that if in the interests of the Association in their respective areas they thought it desirable that they should be allowed to adopt rules which were in conflict with existing regulations, the most convenient course would be that they report to the Council the alterations of the regulations of the Association which they consider advantageous, in order that such alterations might receive the attention of the Special Committee which has been appointed to consider what changes, if any, in the regulations are required to meet the special needs of the Colonial Branches.

CHANGES OF BOUNDARIES.

The Committee approved of the inclusion of the area of the Richmond and Northallerton Division in the Darlington Division, regarding which there was local agreement; the transfer of Winsford and Middlewich from the Crewe to the Altrincham Division; the transfer of Weaverham from the Warrington to the Altrincham Division, if the Warrington Division shall intimate that it does not object; the transfer of Ashley from the Mid-Staffordshire to the North Staffordshire Division; and the transfer of Handley from the Bournemouth to the Salisbury Division, subject to the approval of the local bodies concerned.

The Committee considered a communication from a member who was of opinion that the Division of which he was a member had at present too extensive an area, and that it would be advisable for part of it to be formed into a separate Division. It was decided that the applicant should be informed that the Committee was in entire sympathy with his desire to extend the usefulness of the Association locally, but that it was preferable that the initiative in respect of such changes as he proposed should be taken by the members directly concerned.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE BRANCHES TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Forms for use were decided upon for recommendation to the Council.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DIVISIONS TO THE BRANCHES.

The Committee instructed the Medical Secretary to lay before the Committee at its April meeting a report on all the copies of these received.

NON-MEMBERS AND THE "MEDICAL DIRECTORY."

With reference to a communication from the Honorary Secretary of a Division concerning certain practitioners who are erroneously stated in the *Medical Directory* to be members of the Association, the MEDICAL SECRETARY reported that on inquiry it appeared that the practitioners named had all been members of the Association, but that two had resigned and two been struck off for arrears, at dates between 1885 and 1901.

The GENERAL SECRETARY stated that it was his practice in all cases of the kind brought to his notice to draw the attention of the publishers of the *Medical Directory* to the false description, and that they always very courteously corrected the error.

The Committee resolved that the inquirer should be informed of these facts.

GROUPING OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES FOR REPRESENTATIVE PURPOSES FOR 1905-6.

The Committee gave instructions that the same inquiries as in previous years be issued on this subject.

COMMUNICATION FROM A COMMITTEE OF A BRANCH.

Communications from a Committee of a Branch, addressed to the Central Council and to the Organization Committee respectively, were considered, and it was decided to recommend that the Branch Committee should be asked to submit them to their Branch Council for consideration before they came before the Central Council or Committee.

ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

December 16th, 1904.

A MEETING of the Ethical Committee was held at the office of the Association on December 16th, 1904, when there were present: Professor R. SAUNDBY, in the chair; Mr. Andrew Clark (Chairman of Council), Mr. H. A. Ballance, Dr. A. G. Bateman, Mr. G. H. Broadbent, Dr. W. A. Elliston, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. E. Jepson, and Mr. D. A. O'Sullivan.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the President and Dr. Ferguson.

ETHICAL INQUIRIES.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported on the following questions submitted to the Committee since the last meeting on which replies had been given:

(a) A medical practitioner who had asked that the question of the use of the title "Dr." might be reopened, had been informed that, as the matter had been decided by the Annual Representative Meeting, it could not be reopened by the Committee.

(b) A member of the Association, having inquired what view would be likely to be taken by the General Medical Council as to the employment of an unqualified person at a branch surgery, had been informed that, having regard to previous decisions of the General Medical Council, such employment would expose him to considerable risk of having the matter brought under the notice of the Council, and, if the Council should take an unfavourable view of his action, the consequences to himself must be very serious.

(c) To an inquiry from the Chairman of a Division as to the prospect of successful action by Divisions in questions concerning the professional conduct of non-members, the reply had been given that such action had been taken successfully by some Divisions, and the procedure adopted was indicated.

(d) A member of the Association, who inquired whether there was any rule of ethics forbidding a registered medical practitioner to act as director of a limited company formed to carry on the business of a pharmaceutical chemist, was informed that, while no definite rule had been laid down on the subject, there was evidence that the feeling of the profession generally was adverse to the carrying on by medical practitioners of the business of retail chemists (except so far as this might be held to be involved in the dispensing of their own prescriptions), and there were also objections to the practice of pharmacy by limited companies, which was an evasion of the Pharmacy Act.

(e) A member of the Association, who inquired as to the propriety of allowing his portrait to be published in a periodical specially devoted to first aid and ambulance work, was advised that a medical practitioner who desired to avoid giving any ground of complaint as regards advertising would be wise to decline.

(f) The Honorary Secretary of a Division transmitted an inquiry from a non-member as to whether the fact that he attended members of a Medical Aid Association which stopped canvassing or enlisting some years ago, would debar him from election as a member of the Association, and the reply was given to the Honorary Secretary that in such cases two questions generally arise for consideration:

(i) Canvassing.

(ii) The question of rates.

Canvassing would be an absolute bar, while the question of rates would only arise if the Division in the area of which the applicant practises had adopted resolutions defining rates for such practice.

(g) In reply to the President of a Branch who asked how disputes between members of different Divisions should be investigated, it was stated that:

(i) If the dispute involves a charge of unethical conduct against one member only, the case should be tried in the first instance by the Division of which the accused is a member, or if agreeable to both parties may be tried by a joint committee appointed in part by the Ethical Committee of each Division.

(ii) If there are cross-accusations a joint committee is necessary.

The replies given were approved in each case.

COPYRIGHT OF THE JOURNAL.

A letter was read from the Manager of the JOURNAL informing the Committee that in a case of infringement of the copyright of the JOURNAL which had been brought by the Committee to his notice, the action which he had taken had resulted in an undertaking to withdraw the circular in question, and not to repeat the offence.

NOTICES UNDER RULE Z.

The Committee considered a communication from a Division concerning the circulation of certain notices in accordance with Rule Z, and approved the issue of the proposed notices.

ASSISTANCE BY GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AT OPERATIONS.

A communication was read from the Birmingham and District General Medical Practitioners' Union conveying the following criticisms on opinions expressed by the Committee at its last meeting:

The four expressions of opinion of the Ethical Committee, British Medical Association, published on p. 164 of the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 5th, have been under the consideration of the Ethical Committee of the Union, who resolved:

1. That this Committee considers that, whilst fully recognizing that a patient in a public and purely charitable institution is entitled to absolutely free treatment from the hospital staff, yet when a general practitioner is present in any capacity at an operation at such an institution, at the request of the patient, the general practitioner is entitled to receive or charge a fee for such services.
2. That this Committee considers that when a surgeon is called in to operate in a private house by a general practitioner, he has no right to exclude such practitioner from taking part in the operation, either as anaesthetist, or in some other capacity.
3. That the third expression of opinion be accepted.

The Council of the Union approved the above resolutions, and desire further to point out to the Ethical Committee, British Medical Association, that the case of Byrne *v.* Thorne does not apply to the act of a qualified medical assistant, and that the Council of the Union cannot admit that, when calling in a consultant, either surgical or medical, the general practitioner in charge of the case divests himself of all further responsibility.

The Council of the Union hope that the Ethical Committee, British Medical Association, will reconsider the "expressions of opinion" above referred to.

The Committee resolved that a reply be sent as follows:

The opinions expressed by the Union are couched in language which raises slightly different issues from those which the Committee had before it.

1. The Committee agrees that, if a medical practitioner is present at the request of the patient during an operation performed upon the patient in a hospital, he has the right to be paid for his attendance, but this is a different matter from the claim originally put forward and adjudicated upon by the Committee, that a medical practitioner had a right as the private medical attendant upon a patient to be present and administer an anaesthetic, and to make a charge for such administration; and, further, to complain of the action of the hospital surgeon, who preferred that the anaesthetic should be administered by the hospital anaesthetist.
2. In the second paragraph the wording is also different; the Committee does not approve of an operating surgeon excluding a practitioner from being present at the operation, but cannot admit that the practitioner has a right to interfere in the operation, or take any part in it, except that to which he may be invited by the operating surgeon.
3. The question raised as to the applicability of the Judge's ruling in Byrne *v.* Thorne is one of interpretation; the Committee understands that the Judge held that the operator takes sole responsibility, and cannot disburden himself of it upon any assistant, whether qualified or unqualified.

REFUSAL TO OBEY DECISION OF BRANCH COUNCIL.

In a case in which a Branch Council reported that a member had been required by them to make an apology for certain unethical conduct and had failed to do so, the Committee recommended the Central Council to call upon the offender to make the apology required by the Branch Council.

DIVISIONS AND NON-MEMBERS.

The Honorary Secretary of a Division asked for guidance for the Division in the case of a non-member whose conduct was regarded as unethical, particularly as to whether notice of a resolution of a general meeting of the Division should be sent to all members of the Division. The Committee resolved that it be pointed out to the inquirer that the procedure which should be adopted by a Division in such cases is indicated by the Model Rule Z.

RULES OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the Council had approved the Rules recommended by the Committee, and also Rules of the Monmouth, North Glamorgan, and South-West Wales Divisions, which had been submitted since the last meeting of the Committee. The Council was recommended to approve rules submitted by the South-West Wales, Cardiff, Coventry, Isle of Wight, Consett, Gateshead, and South Shields Divisions, and by the Dundee Branch.

PROFESSIONAL ADVERTISING.

The Committee received and approved the Medical Secretary's report on the action taken since the last meeting under standing instructions concerning (a) trade advertisements containing the name of practitioners, (b) newpaper announcements concerning practitioners.

SANATORIUM FOR INEBRIATES.

The following replies were given to inquiries from the manager of a sanatorium for inebriates:

(i) Whether it would be in accordance with the opinion of the medical profession in such matters for the sanatorium to be advertised in the daily newspapers under the name of the medical superintendent? Reply: That exception would certainly be taken to such advertisement.

(ii) Was it the fact that the use of the word "cure," as applied to systems of treatment—for example, for inebriety—was disliked by the profession? Reply: That such was the fact.

(iii) Whether there would be any objection to issuing circulars to members of the medical profession drawing attention to the treatment

pursued at the sanatorium? Reply: That there would not be, provided that the nature of the treatment was made clear or a reference given to accessible literature in which it was described.

(iv) Whether in such circulars an article in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL could be quoted? Reply: That matters appearing in the JOURNAL are copyright, and could not be used without the sanction of the Manager, to whom application should be made.

(v) Could handbooks be issued containing, in a convenient form, information for the public about the sanatorium? Reply: That if the medical superintendent's name was mentioned in such handbook complaints would probably be made.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF VISITS.

The report of the Medical Secretary as to meetings attended by him at which ethical matters had arisen for consideration was received and approved.

ADVERTISEMENT BY HANDBILLS.

The Committee received and approved the report of action taken in respect of the following matters:

(a) The issue of handbills by a Friendly Society advertising the name of a medical officer; these were found to have been issued without the knowledge of the medical practitioner in question, and the issue was stopped at his instance, as soon as his attention was called to it.

(b) The issue of handbills by a medical practitioner containing particulars of his surgery hours, fees, etc.; the practitioner, as a result of representations made to him, undertook to desist from issuing such handbills, and, in consideration of this undertaking, the case was not reported to the General Medical Council.

APPEAL TO GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL RESPECTING CANVASSING.

In connexion with the second case, the Council was recommended to ask the General Medical Council to consider the advisability of issuing a general warning against canvassing and advertising for practice.

AN ADVERTISEMENT REPORTED TO THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

In the matter of the continued appearance of an advertisement in a local guide, to which, as reported to the Committee at its last meeting, the attention of the General Medical Council had been drawn, and the Registrar had asked for proof that the copies now produced were of a later edition than that previously considered by the Council, the Chairman had instructed the Secretary to point out to the General Medical Council that while the publishers could not be asked to destroy copies already printed, the advertiser might reasonably be called upon to request them to omit his advertisement whenever reprinting, and to produce evidence satisfactory to the General Medical Council that he had taken every step in his power to prevent the repetition of the advertisement. The Registrar of the General Medical Council had replied that the Penal Cases Committee had taken the action suggested, and the advertiser had forwarded a letter from the publishers undertaking not to repeat the advertisement in a reprint unless at his request.

COMPLAINT AS TO A HOSPITAL.

Complaints with reference to the mode of establishment of a hospital were referred for investigation to the Division in the area of which the hospital is situated, and the Medical Secretary was instructed to attend for the assistance of the Division if desired by them.

DISPUTE AS TO A CLUB APPOINTMENT.

The Committee considered complaints from two medical practitioners, C. and D., in respect of the medical officership of a Friendly Society. C., the present holder of the appointment, complained that D. had consented to accept it before C. received notice of dismissal, and D. complained that C. had issued a letter to the members of the Society, which D. submitted was tantamount to touting for practice and offering to undersell. The Committee expressed its disapproval of the action of D. in consenting to accept an appointment which had not been declared vacant, and stated that, having closely considered the letter from C. to the Society, the Committee regarded it as an appeal by him to his patients, and were of opinion that his action in writing this letter did not amount to touting or unprofessional conduct.

AN AGREEMENT AS TO CLUB APPOINTMENTS.

The Committee was asked to consider the propriety of the action of a medical practitioner in accepting certain club appointments, having regard to an agreement into which his partner had previously entered with another practitioner in the district, and the Committee advised as to what, in its opinion, was the correct interpretation of the agreement.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

November 15th, 1904.

A MEETING of the Public Health Committee was held at the office of the Association on November 15th, 1904, when there were present: Mr. C. H. WATTS PARKINSON in the chair, Dr. William Collier (President), Mr. Andrew Clark (Chairman of Council), Dr. Herbert Jones, Dr. F. C. Martley, and Dr. T. G. Nasmyth.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Dr. J. C. McVail, Dr. J. Herbert Manley, and Dr. Roberts Thomson.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

The Committee considered the Public Health Bill as drafted by counsel, in pursuance of the instructions of the Committee at its meeting on October 7th, and received a report from the Chairman and Medical Secretary as to the action which had been taken to carry out the instructions of the Committee as to certain matters with respect to which the Committee on October 7th decided that the draft then submitted should be amended.

After approving certain amendments the Committee recommended the Council to approve the Bill and bring it before Parliament at the first opportunity. The Chairman and Secretary of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, by invitation of the Committee, attended to assist the Committee in considering those matters which specially affect sanitary inspectors.

The Committee recommended the Council to approach the Local Government Board in order to secure its support for the Bill.

VACCINATION LEGISLATION.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY reported replies received from the Imperial Vaccination League and the Public Vaccinators' Association to the inquiries of the Committee as to the action which those bodies propose to take in Parliament next session.

SCIENTIFIC CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE.

January 11th, 1905.

A MEETING of this Committee was held at the office of the Association on January 11th, 1905, when there were present: Dr. R. C. Buist; Mr. Andrew Clark, F.R.C.S., Chairman of Council; Dr. E. Markham Skerritt, Treasurer; Dr. James Barr, Dr. H. Langley Browne, and Dr. Cecil E. Shaw.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Dr. R. C. Buist was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

THERAPEUTIC COMMITTEE.

The Committee resolved to recommend the Council to appoint annually a special Therapeutic Committee consisting of ten members, with power to the Committee to co-opt three others and to elect corresponding members. The duties of the Committee would be (1) to furnish members of the Association with information regarding new remedies; (2) to institute the definite investigation—experimental, clinical, or statistical—of new remedies; (3) to make suggestions for the revision of the *British Pharmacopoeia*.

It was recommended that the Committee should consist of Dr. J. B. Bradbury (Cambridge), Dr. T. E. Burton Brown (London), Dr. R. Crawfurd (London), Dr. C. R. Marshall (Dundee), Dr. Sidney Phillips (London), Dr. Walter Smith (Dublin), Dr. Stockman (Glasgow), Dr. Tirard (London), Dr. Hale White (London), and Dr. R. B. Wild (Manchester).

GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORK.

A memorandum drawn up by Dr. Buist, and an analysis made by the General Secretary, of the returns of the Branches and Divisions with regard to their library facilities were considered, and the following report to the Council adopted:

A. The Scientific Work of the Divisions and Branches.

That it is desirable to encourage the formation of Division Libraries. That to facilitate exchange of duplicate books the Librarian at the head office in London should keep a list of duplicates so far as possible in Division and other Medical Libraries.

In the Divisions the Hospitals will form natural centres.

Experience shows that the forms of meeting most attractive are:

(a) Clinical demonstrations, with very succinct commentary, of cases where the important features can be demonstrated, and

(b) Occasional addresses by teachers and those actively engaged in research.

Longer accounts of cases with interesting history would still form the programme of ordinary meetings.

The suggestion has been made that Divisions which desire it may form Sections for Clinical and Pathological work with or without additional voluntary subscription. Further information is needed as to the desires of the Divisions.

B. Sectional Work at the Annual Meeting.

This might be brought more into contact with the research work and the collective investigations of both the preceding and succeeding years, summing up the work of the preceding year and suggesting some of the problems for further research or investigation.

The attention of Division Secretaries should be called to the subjects of discussion at the annual meeting, and it is suggested that members bring before their Divisions as many cases as possible illustrating these subjects.

It is also suggested to the officers of Sections that problems arising in course of discussion be suggested to the Divisions as subjects for further consideration.

C. Special Research Library.

That it is desirable to form a lending library for research by duplicating the leading special periodicals.

The Committee recommend to the Scientific Grants Committee that they should consider the question of supplying or aiding in the purchase of the necessary literature for individual scientific researches with a view to the formation of a special library for research.

COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

November 24th, 1904.

A MEETING of the Colonial Committee was held at the office of the Association on November 24th, 1904, when there were present: Mr. ANDREW CLARK (Chairman of Council) in the chair; and afterwards Mr. EDMUND OWEN (Chairman) in the chair; Mr. James Cantlie, Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. Drake-Brockman, I.M.S. (ret.), Dr. C. G. D. Morier, Professor W. R. Smith, and Dr. G. Twynam, together with the following Colonial members at present in England: Mr. Donald Armour, representing Canada; Dr. R. Fox-Symons, representing South Africa; Dr. H. A. Francis, representing Queensland; and Dr. T. S. Kerr, representing Malaya.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Edmund Owen was elected Chairman for the ensuing twelve months.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the representatives of the Colonial Branches on the Council had met on Thursday, November 10th, 1904, and, in accordance with By-law 39 (4), appointed the following five members to serve on the Colonial Committee: Mr. James Cantlie, representing the Far East; Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. Drake-Brockman, I.M.S. (ret.), representing India; Dr. C. G. D. Morier, representing Australasia; Professor W. R. Smith, representing Malta and the Mediterranean; and Dr. G. E. Twynam, representing New South Wales.

The CHAIRMAN reported that in accordance with recommendations made by the Organization Committee and the Constitution Committee, and with the resolution of Council, the Committee was required to elect three of its members on the Joint Colonial Constitution Committee: the Chairman, Mr. Cantlie, and Dr. Morier were chosen. The names of Mr. Donald Armour, representing Canada, Dr. R. Fox-Symons, representing South Africa, and Dr. R. Humphrey Marten, New South Wales, were nominated for co-option on the same joint committee.

REGISTRATION IN AUSTRALIA.

The CHAIRMAN reported that in reference to the representations made by the Council urging on the Colonial Office the expediency of registering in Australia only those medical qualifications which are available for registration in Great Britain and Ireland, he had received a reply stating that Mr. Lyttelton had transmitted a copy of the Association's letter to the Governors of the States of the Australian Commonwealth for the consideration of their Ministers.

It was resolved that the matter be postponed pending the replies of the Governors of the States of the Australian Commonwealth.

REGISTRATION IN CEYLON.

The GENERAL SECRETARY reported that he had received from the Honorary Secretary of the Ceylon Branch a copy of a draft ordinance for the registration of medical practitioners in Ceylon. Inquiries at the Colonial Office had elicited the information that the draft ordinance would probably be taken into consideration during the winter session of the Ceylon Council. The Committee considered the draft, and resolved to express to the Colonial Office its objection to the following clause in the draft ordinance, and to suggest its elimination:

(b) In the case of a person claiming to be qualified otherwise than under the said Acts, a certificate of the Council of the Ceylon Medical College that such person is entitled to be registered under this ordinance.

COLONIAL MEDICAL LEGISLATION.

The General Secretary was instructed to obtain information from the Colonial Office of any medical legislation now under the consideration of the Colonial Governments, and also to apply to the Branches concerned for copies of the medical Bills for Queensland, New South Wales, and the Straits Settlements.

Mr. CANTLIE reported that the Subcommittee appointed to prepare questions for transmission to the various Crown Colonies with regard to the compulsory registration of practitioners had met, but desired to postpone its report until the Committee had before it the replies from the Colonial Office regarding registration in Australasia.

COLONIAL (JOINT) CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of this Committee was held at the office of the Association on December 18th, 1904, when there were present: Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL (Chairman of the Organization Committee), in the chair; Mr. Andrew Clark (Chairman of Council), Mr. Edmund Owen (Chairman of the Colonial Committee), Mr. Donald Armour, Mr. H. A. Ballance, Mr. James Cantlie, Dr. R. Fox-Symons, Dr. C. G. D. Morier, Professor A. H. White, and Captain C. E. Williams, I.M.S.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the President, and Dr. R. Humphrey Marten, representing Adelaide.

REFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman reported that the Joint Committee had met to confer in pursuance of the following references from the Council:

(a) A joint recommendation of the Colonial Committee and the Organization Committee that a special committee be appointed, as proposed in the final recommendation (C) of the Constitution Committee in 1901, to consider the modifications, if any, which should be made in the present constitution of the colonial Branches.

(b) Resolved: That the Special Committee consist of three members of the Colonial Committee, three members of the Organization Committee, with power to add not more than six other members, three of which members shall be conversant with Colonial matters.

(c) Recommendation (C) of the Final Report of the Constitution Committee.

A Committee to further consider the organization of the Colonial and Indian Branches and their relation to the Association, and to recommend such further changes in the regulations of the Association in reference to these matters as such Committee may think desirable.

The Chairman also reported that in accordance with the foregoing references the Colonial Committee had appointed its Chairman (Mr. Edmund Owen), Mr. James Cantlie, and Dr. Morier. The Organization Committee had appointed its Chairman (Mr. T. Jenner Verrall), Mr. H. A. Ballance, and Professor White. Further, that these members had jointly co-opted the following: Mr. Donald Armour, representing Canada; Dr. R. Fox-Symons, representing South Africa; Dr. R. Humphrey Marten, representing Adelaide; and Captain C. E. Williams, I.M.S., representing India.

COLONIAL MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

That the proportion of Colonial members of the Council be regulated on the same numerical basis as obtains with home Branches.

SUBSCRIPTION TO AUSTRALIAN BRANCHES.

It was resolved:

That the question of the alteration of the subscription of members attached to the Australian Branches be referred to the following

for consideration and report, namely: Dr. R. Humphrey Marten (Adelaide), Dr. C. G. D. Morier (South Australia), and Dr. G. E. Twynam (New South Wales) Further, that the General Secretary be instructed to inform the Australian Branches that the matter is *sub judice*, but that in the meantime the Committee would be glad to receive a definite expression of opinion from each Branch concerned.

A meeting of this Subcommittee was held on January 4th, 1905, when there were present: Dr. C. G. Drummond Morier (in the chair), Dr. G. E. Twynam, and Dr. R. Humphrey Marten.

The Committee considered the matter referred to them, and resolved before coming to any decision to obtain further information on various points from the Australian Branches.

The Subcommittee also adopted the following resolution:

That it is undesirable that any member of the Association should be eligible to represent a Colonial Branch on the Central Council except such member has been in practice for a period of not less than five years in the Colony he is returned to represent.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

January 6th, 1905.

The Scottish Committee met in the Station Hotel, Perth, on January 6th, 1905, when there were present: Dr. Bruce Goff, in the chair; Dr. R. C. Buist, Professor D. W. Finlay, Dr. R. Balfour Graham, Dr. A. P. Low, Dr. J. Munro Moir, Dr. W. A. Taylor, and Dr. Norman Walker.

Election of Officers.

Dr. Bruce Goff was elected Chairman of the Committee and Dr. R. C. Buist Honorary Secretary.

Medical Certificate of Unfitness to Attend School.

The Committee, having considered the opinion of the Solicitor on questions submitted, together with certain resolutions adopted by the Dundee Branch, passed the three following resolutions:

That it be recommended that when a medical certificate of unfitness to attend school is given to a parent or guardian the ordinary visiting fee be charged.

That the nature of the illness should not be entered in any such certificate, except on the special demand of the parent.

That it is no part of the duties of the medical officers of charities or other public bodies to give such certificates.

Scottish Poor-law Medical Service.

The Committee, having considered various matters with regard to the Scottish Poor-law Medical Service, resolved to recommend the Council to submit the report of the Departmental Committee on Poor-law Medical Relief in Scotland for the consideration of the Scottish Divisions.

Medical Evidence in Criminal Cases.

The Committee resolved to recommend the Council to call the attention of the central criminal authorities in Scotland to the variations in local practice in granting permission for medical representatives of the defence to be present at the official autopsies in criminal cases.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* Journal.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:

Coventry Division.

A meeting of this Division was held at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, on February 7th, at 8.30 p.m., the chair being occupied by Dr. Webb Fowler.

Specimens.—Dr. Bankes Price showed a calculus and prostatic outgrowth removed by operation, and read notes about the case. He also exhibited large fragments of bone from a comminuted fracture of the upper extremity of the femur in a female patient with marked tabetic symptoms.—Dr. J. Orton exhibited an aneurysm of the aorta.—Mr. W. E. Bennett showed a sutured typhoid ulcer from a patient who died eight days after the operation from haemorrhage from another portion of the intestine.

Notice of Motion for Annual Representative Meeting.—On the recommendation of the Committee of the Division the Secretary proposed that the Division give notice of the following notice of motion to be moved at the next Annual Representative Meeting:

That By law 17 be altered by the substitution of the word "Council" for "Branch Council."

This was carried unanimously.

Contracts with Friendly Societies.—Dr. Kendrick proposed, and Dr. Collington seconded, the following resolution:

That it is hereby resolved that no member of the profession in the area of the Division shall act as medical officer to a Friendly Society at a less remuneration than 4s. per member per annum.

Dr. Pickup proposed, and Dr. Fenton seconded, the following rider:

That the Division in interpreting this rule will consider that any return or donation of any kind to the society or an officer of the society is an infringement of the rule.

Dr. Hawley proposed, and Dr. Pickup seconded, the following rider:

That no member of the profession in the area of Division take over or apply for any club appointment during the time the present holder is applying for an increase in the salary.

The discussion was joined in by the Chairman, Drs. Soden, Milner Moore, Pickup, Callaghan, etc. Both of the riders, with the consent of the meeting, were adopted by the proposer and seconder of the original proposition. Dr. McGlashan then proposed that the discussion be adjourned to the next meeting. This was seconded by Dr. J. Orton, and carried unanimously.

Unregistered Dentists.—The following resolution was proposed:

That the attention of all medical men practising in the area of the Division be called to the regulation of the General Medical Council prohibiting the administration by registered medical practitioners of anaesthetics for unregistered dentists, and that the Committee of the Division be hereby authorized to communicate to the General Medical Council any infringement of the regulation which is reported to it.

This was seconded by Dr. Fenton, and carried unanimously.

Payment of Medical Practitioners in Midwives' Cases.—The recommendations of the Committee were proposed by the Chairman, and the resolutions adopted have been communicated to the Medical Secretary.

Interim Report on Contract Practice.—This was adjourned to the next meeting.

Consultations Between Medical Witnesses in Legal Cases.—Approval of the report of the Medico-Political Committee was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Dr. Pickup, and carried.

Information to Coroners.—Approval of the report was moved by Dr. Milner Moore and carried unanimously.

Reorganization of the Local Government Board.—Approval of the report of the Medico-Political Committee was moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Secretary, and carried *nem. con.*

Medical Act Amendment Bill.—The discussion of this question was adjourned to the next meeting.

The Abuse of Drugs.—Dr. Pickup moved the approval of the memorandum of the Medico-Political Committee; this was seconded by Dr. Callaghan, and carried unanimously.

National Deposit Friendly Society.—Approval of the report was moved by Dr. Harman Brown, seconded by Dr. Callaghan, and carried unanimously.

West Bromwich Division.

A meeting of this Division was held in the Board Room of the District Hospital on Tuesday, February 14th, at 3 45 p.m.; Mr. S. T. Darley Weston in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Referred to Divisions.—The different reports referred to the Division by the Medico-Political Committee were then discussed. The question of the payment of medical men called in to assist midwives was discussed, and the opinions have been forwarded to the Medico-Political Committee. In regard to contract medical practice, the proposals of the Medico-Political Committee were approved with the exception of Clause 5, which was considered unnecessary, Clause 7 be amended by the addition of the words "necessitating administration of a general anaesthetic," after "operations," and instead of "a week," to read "two weeks." On the question of consultation of medical witnesses, after a long discussion, it was resolved that:

The consultation between medical witnesses is desirable.

As to the reorganization of the Local Government Board, it was resolved that as the scheme is impracticable, the proposed resolutions be not sent to the local members of Parliament. In regard to the Medical Acts Amendment Bill, Dr. H. MANLEY explained the principles of the Bill, and these were unanimously approved. In the report on prevention of abuse of drugs, propositions 1 and 2 were approved, while 3 was considered unnecessary. In regard to the report on ambulance work, it was resolved that the time had now arrived when this work need no longer be considered a matter of philanthropy. That the fee for a course of lectures be £5 5s.; that the fee for examinations be £2 2s. and expenses.

The Ethics of Examination for Life Insurance.—Dr. W. H. STEPHEN drew attention to the ethical procedure in examination of insurance or compensation cases while under the care of another medical man. It was resolved that no examination should take place without first acquainting the medical attendant, but that this was not necessary if the patient came to the surgery.

Nomination of Branch Representative on Council of Association.—It was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and resolved: That the Honorary Secretary take steps to nominate Dr. H. Langley Browne as one of the Rrepresentatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association.

CONJOINT MEETING OF SCOTTISH BRANCHES.

A MEETING of the Edinburgh and other Scottish Branches was held in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on February 17th, under the presidency of Dr. UNDERHILL. This conjoint meeting was largely attended, and proved to be most interesting and enjoyable.

Demonstrations.—An excellent collection of pathological specimens had been brought together in Ward 22, and demonstrations were given in many of the special departments by members of the staff. In Ward 35 Professor SIMPSON performed an ovariotomy. In the eye department Mr. BERRY operated for cataract and Dr. MCKAY demonstrated the use of Volkmann's magnet and Zeiss's corneal microscope. Mr. WALLACE showed some interesting cases in the lock wards. Dr. ALLAN JAMIESON held a clinique in the skin department. Dr. MCKENZIE JOHNSTON operated on adenoids, tonsils, etc., under chloride of ethyl anaesthesia. Dr. LUNDIE also demonstrated his anatomical bicycle pedals to many interested members. The museum attracted a great deal of attention. Professor ANNANDALE showed the following specimens, which had been beautifully prepared and mounted by Dr. Shepherd: (1) Tuberculous bones and synovial membrane; (2) sarcomata: (*a*) myeloid of the femur, (*b*) periosteal of the femur, showing spontaneous fracture; (*c*) periosteal of the tibia, with exostosis on femur of the same limb, (*d*) chondro-sarcoma of elbow; (3) epitheliomata, (*a*) external ear, (*b*) following a burn in the axilla, (*c*) following lupus of the face, (*d*) epithelioma from arm of a paraffin worker; (4) a series of appendices illustrating various pathological changes; (5) foreign bodies removed from the oesophagus with the coin catcher; (6) recurrent sarcoma of thigh originating in the internal intermuscular septum and secondarily affecting the femur; (7) cancellous exostosis of the femur; (8) two specimens from circumcision, (*a*) pinpoint opening, (*b*) warts; (9) femoral hernia resembling a gland in the groin.—Dr. BEATTIE: (1) Organs from a case of experimental rheumatism; (2) culture and slide of micrococcus neoformans.—Dr. EDWIN BRAMWELL: Photograph of a case of cerebral softening.—Dr. ALEX BRUCE: (1) Thrombosis of the middle cerebral artery; (2) secondary sarcoma of lung and mediastinum, involving both recurrent laryngeal nerves.—Mr. CAIRD: (1) Carcinoma of stomach and pylorus removed by resection; (2) drawings illustrative of preparations removed from stomach in cases of carcinoma and the operative procedure; (3) parts removed in excision of the knee for chronic tuberculosis.—Dr. MALCOLM CAMPBELL: (1) A series of preparations illustrating pathological conditions of the ovaries associated with uterine fibroids; (2) microscopical preparations showing junction of Mullerian ducts to form the uterus.—Mr. CATHCART: (1) Specimen from case of multiple tuberculous ulcers of the intestine; (2) specimens and drawings from a case of melanosis of the finger.—Professor CHIENE: A physiological watercloset; the seat is lower than usual and the hunker attitude is obtained while defaecating.—Mr. GEORGE CHIENE: (1) A series of appendices illustrating various pathological changes; (2) tuberculous ulceration at the base of the appendix which caused acute peritonitis; (3) acute miliary tuberculosis of the lower end of ileum and caecum which gave rise to symptoms simulating acute appendicitis.—Mr. J. DOWDEN: (1) Multilocular ovarian cyst with twisted pedicle; (2) acute torsion of the spermatic cord (two cases); (3) halfpenny after a month in the oesophagus; (4) hernia into the superior duodenal fossa; (5) (with Dr. J. S. FOWLER) hair ball from the stomach of a child aged 5 years.—Dr. F. W. N. HAULTAIN: A series of cervical fibromyomata.—Dr. HARVEY LITTLEJOHN: (1) Cases of poisoning—stomachs illustrating action of various irritant poisons; (2) accidental, suicidal, and homicidal wounds of the heart; (3) injury to the brain from a toy revolver.—Dr. STUART MCDONALD: (1) pyonephrosis in a child 8 months old; (2) biliary cirrhosis with photomicrographs; (3) specimens from a case of suppurative pancreatitis. — Mr. MILES: (1) Kidney removed for hydronephrosis due to stone impacted in the pelvis; (2) kidney removed for hydronephrosis due to a stone impacted at lower end of ureter; (3) kidney removed for tuberculous disease; (4) calculus removed from calyx of kidney by nephrolithotomy; (5) three specimens of caecum excised for tuberculous disease; (6) three specimens of strangulated intestine; (7) twenty-five appendices illustrative of various pathological processes; (8) hydatid cyst of liver removed by operation; (9) two family trees of haemophiliacs; (10) series of stereoscopic photographs illustrative of clinical surgery. — Drs. FORD ROBERTSON and WADE: (1) Bodies resembling plasmodiofora in carcinomatous tumours and in cultures prepared from those tumours; (2) the life-cycle of the plasmodiofora brassica.—Dr. SHENNAN: (1) Organs from a case of lymphadenoma; (2) Kidney from argyria case with microscopic specimen; (3) coarse cirrhoses of the liver; (4) extradural haemorrhage; (5) preparations illustrating the morbid anatomy of lobar pneumonia, and other conditions caused by the pneumococcus.—Dr. SIMPSON: Uterus from a case of fatal prolapse.—Mr. SCOTT SKIRVING: Improved pattern of drum for sterilizing dressing. — Mr. ALEX. THOMSON: Several prostates removed by prostatectomy.—Dr. JOHN THOMSON: Blood film from a case of leukaemia in a child 22 months old; leucocytes 2,187,000, haemocytes 240,000. — Dr. LOGAN TURNER: (1) Temporal bone showing necrosis and perforation of tegmen antri; (2) temporal bone showing unusual position of the sigmoid groove; (3) tumour removed from the naso-pharynx; (4) middle turbinated bone showing two large air spaces; (5) middle turbinated bone with mucous polypus in air spaces; (6) accessory sinuses of the nose.—Mr. WALLACE: (1) Three appendices; (2) Richter's hernia, bowel enterectomy.—Dr. CHALMERS WATSON: Histological demonstration of recent work on gout. A clinical meeting was held in the University Clinical Medicine Theatre, when the following members demonstrated cases:—Dr. JAMES: (1) Case of Recklinghausen's disease; (2) case of elephantiasis of the leg; (3) case resembling one of epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis which was treated by lumbar puncture.—Professor SCHÄFER demonstrated his method of artificial respiration which has been published.—Dr. ALLAN JAMIESON: (1) Case of hydroa vacciniformae; (2) two cases of lichen planus.—Mr. CATHCART: Patient after trephining for epilepsy, marked improvement has followed the operation.—Dr. R. W. PHILIP: Cases of tuberculosis of lung which had been treated by Professor Béraneck's fluid; all had improved under this line of treatment.—Mr. MILES: (1) Patient who had been operated on for tuberculous disease of the caecum; (2) girl, aged 16, after operation for perforated gastric ulcer.—Dr. JOHN THOMSON: (1) Sporadic cretin, aged 2½ years, who is improving slowly under rectal administration of thyroid; (2) sporadic cretin, aged 3½ years, who shows marked improvement under thyroid treatment (continued since she was 7 weeks old); (3) girl, aged 1 year, showing marked cranial bossing (Parrot's nodes) and splenic anaemia.—Mr. ALEX THOMSON: (1) Vicious circle after posterior gastroenterostomy, necessitating entero-anastomosis; (2) intestinal obstruction due to Meckel's diverticulum, the latter being used to empty the distended bowel; (3) excision of the gall bladder for relapse after cholecystotomy.—Dr. GIBSON showed a case of angina pectoris with unusual symptoms. This has been published.—Mr. GEORGE CHIENE: (1) Case operated on eighteen months ago for intestinal obstruction due to tuberculous strictures; (2) patient after operation for a divided median nerve.—Dr. BRUCE: Case of primary myopathy.—Dr. CAVERHILL: Cases of pulmonary tuberculosis illustrating capacity for work after sanatorium treatment.—Mr. SCOTT SKIRVING: Two patients after paraffin injection for depressed bridge of the nose, in one

case due to trauma and in the other to syphilis.—Dr. BYROM BRAMWELL: Case of infantilism, non-pancreatic in origin.—Mr. STILES: (1) Identical twins with identical and symmetrical deformity; (2) child showing early myositis ossificans; (3) child six months after ligature of both common carotid arteries for hydrocephalus; (4) patient after excision of tuberculous kidney and ureter.—Dr. W. B. DRUMMOND: Case of Erb's paralysis.—Mr. CAIRD: (1) Patient after operation for coxa vera; (2) patient after recent resection of pylorus for carcinoma; (3) patient four years after resection of the pylorus for carcinoma; (4) patient after operation for old dislocation of the shoulder.—Mr. WALLACE: Patient showing marked improvement as a result of open-air and conservative treatment in tuberculous disease of the wrist joint.—Dr. NORMAN WALKER: Two cases of lupus treated by uranium.—Dr. EDWIN BRAMWELL: Two cases of brachial plexus palsy.

Dinner.—The members of the Association dined together in the evening at the North British Hotel. The meeting, both in regard to interest and numbers attending, proved to be an unqualified success, and this was in no small measure due to the untiring energies of the local secretaries, Drs. Norman Walker and Logan Turner.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Division was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday, February 22nd, Dr. HAVELL, President, in the chair.

Executive Committee.—The report of the Executive Committee was received.

Matters Referred to Divisions.—The memorandum on the payment of medical practitioners called in to assist midwives was considered, and the resolutions passed have been conveyed to the Medico-Political Committee. The other reports (SUPPLEMENT, November 26th, 1904) were next considered, with the following results: (*a*) Contract medical practice—propositions 1 to 5 approved; proposition 6 voted impracticable; proposition 7 altered to read thus: "The rates above specified are not intended to apply to obstetric cases or operations." (*b*) The desirability of consultation between medical witnesses in legal cases—report approved. (*c*) The present position of medical practitioners in the matter of furnishing certain information to coroners—memorandum approved. (*d*) Reorganization of Local Government Board—resolutions 52 and 53 approved.

The Medical Profession and Ambulance Work.—The memorandum on the relations of the medical profession to ambulance work was considered and the following decisions with regard to fees arrived at:

(*a*) That members are at liberty to use their own discretion as to whether they accept payment or give ambulance instruction free.

(*b*) That judging in ambulance examinations and in ambulance competitions should be paid for.

(*c*) That the fees for the above should be according to the St. John Ambulance Association scale.

Membership of the Association.—A proposed circular for sending to non-members with the object of increasing the membership of the Association was approved and directed to be sent to all such in the Division.

Vacancies among Officials of Divisions.—A model rule was adopted for filling up vacancies amongst the officials of the Division.

Co-ordination of Work of Divisions.—A suggestion for co-ordination of the work of Divisions was rejected as impracticable.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

BIRKENHEAD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on February 16th. Dr. CRAIGMILE, Vice-Chairman of the Division, presided, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. G. S. Stansfield (Chairman).

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Medical Practitioners and Midwives.—The question of the payment of medical practitioners called in to assist midwives was discussed. The conclusions arrived at have been handed to the Medical Secretary.

National Deposit Friendly Society.—It was resolved that the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee be approved.

Public Health Bill.—It was resolved that the Public Health Bill be approved.

Revaccination Bill.—It was resolved that the Revaccination Bill be approved.

Ambulance Work.—It was resolved that all matters connected with ambulance work should be dealt with as matters of business.

CHESTER DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held in the Board-room of the Chester General Infirmary on Friday, February 24th, at 5 p.m. Mr. J. TAYLOR, Chairman of the Division, presided.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters Referred to Divisions.—The interim report on contract practice was discussed. It was proposed by Dr. ARCHER and seconded by Dr. DUFF:

> That the report be approved, with the addition of the words "or other grounds" after "financial position" in paragraph 6; and that the Representative be instructed to bring this before the Representative Meeting.

In regard to consultation between medical witnesses, the resolution passed on May 31st, 1904, namely:

> That it is desirable that, with the concurrence of the principals on both sides, consultation between the medical witnesses on both sides should take place,

was unanimously confirmed. In respect to information supplied to coroners, the conclusions embodied in the report were unanimously supported. The Bill for the Local Government Board Act (1904) was, on the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr. PARRY, unanimously agreed to. The principles of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill were also, on the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr. DUFF, unanimously agreed to. The recommendations of the report on prevention of the abuse of drugs were adopted, and it was proposed by Dr. PARRY, seconded by Dr. ARCHER, and carried unanimously:

> That some means should be adopted to prevent chemists from supplying strong drugs without the prescription of a medical practitioner.

The question of the payment of practitioners called in to assist midwives was discussed, and the conclusions arrived at have been communicated to the Medico-Political Committee. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Tea.—Tea was kindly provided by the Chairman, Mr. Taylor.

LIVERPOOL (CENTRAL) DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Wednesday, February 15th, to consider the report of the Executive Committee of the Division. Dr. T. DRAKE LEIGH, Vice-Chairman, occupied the chair.

Matters Referred to Divisions.—The matters referred to the Divisions were considered. With regard to contract medical practice, the propositions, p. 179, SUPPLEMENT, November 26th, 1904, received the approval of the Division. With reference to the consultation of medical witnesses in legal cases, the members decided that it should be left to the discretion of the medical witnesses engaged on each side in legal cases whether they should meet in consultation or not. As to information supplied to coroners by medical practitioners, the members resolved to support the purport of the four sections set forth on p. 180 of the SUPPLEMENT, November 26th, 1904. On the question of the reorganization of the Local Government Board, the Division approved of this important proposition. It was the unanimous opinion that the medical profession should have more influence in the State than it at present possesses, not only in matters of public health, but in every matter that concerns the well-being and welfare of the inhabitants of the country. The members also approved of the principle of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill, with some few exceptions noted below, and regarded it as a distinct step towards the unification of the medical curriculum. The exceptions are: A. That in Subclause 1, Clause 2, p. 188 (SUPPLEMENT, November 26th, 1904), the annual fee be 10s. instead of £1. B. That Subclause 3, Clause 13, p. 188, referring to the bestowal of the title "doctor," be deleted. C. That the operation of Subclause 2, Clause 27, p. 189, that an assistant or deputy should be obliged to affix his name on premises belonging to his principal, is impracticable, and in some cases would be unfair.—In regard to the report on prevention of the abuse of drugs, the Division approves of the recommendations A, B, C, set forth on p. 191, SUPPLEMENT, November 26th, 1904.—The conclusions arrived at with respect to the memorandum on the payment of medical practitioners called in to assist midwives have been transmitted to the Medico-Political Committee.—The

relations of the medical profession to ambulance work were discussed. The Division considered the three clauses set forth in the SUPPLEMENT, February 4th, 1905, and concluded that medical services should not be rendered gratuitously and as a matter of philanthropy. It was, however, impossible to fix definitely the fees for such services.

SOUTHPORT DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Temperance Institute, London Street, Southport, on February 21st, Dr. RUSSEL, President, in the chair.

Matters Referred to Divisions.—The memorandum of the Medico-Political Committee on the matters referred to Divisions, published in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 26th, 1904; also the memorandum respecting statutory provision for the payment of medical practitioners called in to assist midwives, were considered.—With regard to contract medical practice the propositions were unanimously affirmed with the following alterations: In proposition (1) the words "of the poor" were omitted. In proposition (7) the words after "obstetric cases" were exchanged for "and operations involving the use of anaesthetics."—In regard to the desirability of consultation between medical witnesses in legal cases likely to be brought before the courts, the resolution passed on May 26th last to the effect

> That this Division is of opinion that the consultation of medical witnesses engaged on each side in legal cases is impracticable and undesirable as a rule for general observance,

was unanimously reaffirmed.—On the question of the present position of registered medical practitioners in the matter of furnishing certain information to coroners, it was unanimously resolved:

> That this Division considers that the British Medical Association will be doing a decided disservice to the medical profession in encouraging medical practitioners to refuse to give information to coroners, thus encouraging their antagonism; that such refusal will lead to unnecessary inquests being held, and the discredit awarded to practitioners by coroners, and also to interference with effectiveness of inquests and with the interests of the public; but the Division is of opinion, as already resolved on July 13th, 1904, that it is desirable that coroners should be empowered to pay fees for information obtained privately from medical practitioners, and that when inquests are held the medical practitioners should be called as witnesses.

—On the question of the reorganization of the Local Government Board, it was unanimously resolved:

> That this Division, not having special knowledge and experience of the gravely defective constitution and status of the Local Government Board, is willing to leave the matter in the hands of the Medico-Political Committee, who will doubtless act under the advice of those who have such knowledge.

—In regard to the Medical Acts Amendment Biil, it was unanimously resolved:

> That this Division approves the Bill as a whole, but objects to the imposition of an annual registration fee of £1, being of opinion that a fee of 10s. would provide a sufficient annual income, and also strongly objects to Section XXVII, Clause 2, respecting the displaying of the names of assistants.

—On the report of the prevention of the abuse of drugs, it was unanimously resolved:

> That this Division disagrees with all the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee on this subject.

—There not being time to discuss the midwives question, the meeting was adjourned for three weeks to consider that question, and also the hydro question. referred to Divisions in the SUPPLEMENT to the JOURNAL of February 18th.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

WANDSWORTH DIVISION.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, February 23rd, at the Balham Hotel. Present: Dr. GEORGE WALKER (Chairman), Drs. Ker, Dewar, Swallow, Biggs, McManus, Dunville Roe, Turner, Hollist, Wallace, Spurgin, Richards, Johnson, and the Honorary Secretary.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.—Correspondence from Mrs. Hett; the Medical Secretary, with reference to Coroner Troutbeck; the General Secretary, with reference to the annual dinner; and Mr. Marks, with reference to a proposed local medical journal, were read and dealt with.

National Friendly Society.—The recommendations with reference to the National Deposit Friendly Society of the Medico-Political Committee were considered, when the following resolution was proposed by Dr. BIGGS, seconded by Dr. MCMANUS, and carried;

> That this meeting affirms the resolution passed by the Representatives' Meeting at Oxford in July last, and agrees with the report presented by the Medico-Political Committee at that meeting, but considers the resolutions submitted for the consideration of the Division are too drastic.

King's College Hospital.—The report of the South London Medical Committee was presented. This Committee was formed a year ago at the request of King's College Hospital to draw up suggestions for the regulation of their new hospital at Camberwell. It consists of Drs. Nelson Hardy, Prangley, and Verdon (Norwood Division), Drs. Capes, Taylor, and Stoddart (Lambeth Division), Drs. Biggs, Fothergill, and Lyster (Wandsworth Division), Dr. Mackintosh (South-West London Medical Society), Dr. Simpson (Brixton Medical Society), Dr. Taylor (Medical Officer of Camberwell Dispensary). The following recommendations were submitted: (*a*) That in connexion with the establishment of King's College Hospital at Camberwell there should be no issue of subscribers' letters. (*b*) That sickness and poverty should be the qualifications for hospital relief. (*c*) That no charge should be made for the treatment of any patient of the hospital, or for the supply of medicines or dressings. (*d*) That urgent cases should receive attention without inquiry. (*e*) That applicants for relief should, on their first visit, be seen by a registered medical practitioner and, if expedient, attended to; and that the name, age, address, and occupation or position should be entered in a register. (*f*) That, on a second visit, the patient should bring with him a certificate, signed by a medical practitioner, stating that he (she) is a suitable person for hospital relief. (*g*) That such certificate should not necessarily be written on a form supplied by the hospital. (*h*) That such certificate, duly filled up, should be appended to each patient's prescription sheet or attendance card. (*i*) That the attached certificate be submitted to the authorities of King's College Hospital as the ordinary form to be supplied to patients attending the hospital for the first time. (*j*) That it would be satisfactory if a system could be arranged at the hospital by which obscure and interesting cases might be brought, or sent with a note, by practitioners in the neighbourhood, for an opinion, where a consultation fee cannot be paid. (*k*) That all cases of trivial accident or illness deemed ineligible for the out-patient department shall, after having been once attended to, be referred for treatment to one of the local general practitioners or the neighbouring dispensaries. (*l*) That, should a general practitioner report in writing the attendance of a person well able to pay, the letter, if duly signed, be treated as confidential and the matter investigated. (*m*) That the hospital authorities use every means in their power to prevent unsuitable cases receiving hospital treatment, and appoint such officers as they consider desirable to make inquiries with a view to checking hospital abuse. (*n*) That the regulations for the treatment of patients be displayed in conspicuous places. Dr. Biggs explained the various points, and then submitted the following resolutions for approval. They were duly seconded, and, after discussion, carried unanimously:

1. That the recommendations as submitted by the South London Medical Committee be approved.
2. That the form of letter covering these recommendations be left to the decision of that Committee.
3. That that Committee are requested to take into their consideration, before sending in their recommendations, the question of the maternity charity that will be attached to the hospital and its probable effects on the general practitioners of the surrounding district.
4. That it is desirable that a recommendation be added that no arrangements be come to with King's College Hospital Committee for attending patients at their homes, except for maternity cases.
5. That the South London Medical Committee are requested not to dissolve until a satisfactory arrangement be come to with King's College Hospital.
6. That before dissolving that Committee are requested to form a permanent Committee.
7. That, as no scheme of hospital reform will prove effectual that has not contingent to it a satisfactory arrangement for providing medical treatment in their own homes for those of the lower and lower middle classes who do not need hospital treatment, upon terms which would be satisfactory both to the general practitioner and the patient, the South London Medical Committee is requested to extend its deliberations with a view to suggesting some organized system for South London as a solution of this problem.

8. That the South London Medical Committee be requested to lay before the King's College Hospital Medical Board some suggestion by which the attendance on patients well able to afford small fees in a home could be carried out outside their hospital, and so not necessitate any paying patients wards.

Annual Representative Meeting.—The resolutions published at p 73 under the head of Notices of Motion at the Annual Representative Meeting were proposed by Dr. E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL, duly seconded, and unanimously carried; and it was decided to send them in to the central office to be placed on the Annual Representatives Meeting Agenda for July next.

Expenses of Representative of Division at Annual Representative Meeting.—The CHAIRMAN then submitted the following resolution for the consideration of the meeting, it having been prepared by the Committee. After discussion it was unanimously approved:

That the Honorary Secretary is hereby authorized to ask all the members of this Division to contribute not less than 2s. 6d. to a special fund to allow of (1) the Division's Representative at the Annual Representatives Meeting at Leicester in July receiving a fee of seven guineas to meet his out-of-pocket expenses; (2) entertaining guests at the Annual Dinner on May 25th next; and (3) to meet all incidental expenses incurred in providing refreshments at the remaining meetings during 1905.

Paper.—The CHAIRMAN reported that, owing to illness, Professor Hewlett was unable to be present to read his paper on the Etiology of Summer Diarrhoea of Infants.

Vote of Thanks.—The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Stratford Division was held on Thursday, February 23rd, in the Alexandra Hotel, High Street, Stratford, E. Dr. GROGONO, Chairman of the Division, presiding.

Medical Practitioners and Midwives.—The questions submitted by the Medico-Political Committee to the Division in their memorandum on the payment of medical practitioners called in to assist midwives, referred from last meeting, were again considered, and the resolutions arrived at have been conveyed to the Medico-Political Committee. Dr. ROSE stated that the practical working of the Midwives Act in the area of the Division was satisfactory.

Address.—Dr. F. J. SMITH (London Hospital) then delivered an address on *post-mortem* examinations with no pathological appearances. The lecture was of a particularly interesting and thoroughly practical character, and was highly appreciated by the meeting. A number of questions were put to the lecturer at the close, and a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Smith, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, terminated the proceedings.

Association Notices.

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

CHANGES OF BOUNDARIES.

THE following changes have been made in accordance with the regulations of the Association, and take effect from the date of publication of this notice:

1. That the Canterbury and Faversham Divisions be united to form one Division.

2. That the Shropshire, Montgomeryshire, and Radnorshire Division of the present North Wales and Shropshire Branch henceforth constitute a separate Branch, to be known as the "Shropshire and Mid Wales" Branch, and that the remaining three Divisions of the present North Wales and Shropshire Branch henceforth constitute the "North Wales" Branch.

3. That Handley be transferred from the Bournemouth Division (Dorset and West Hants Branch) to the Salisbury Division (Southern Branch).

CHANGE OF NAME.

4. That the name of the "Newton Abbot" Division be changed to the "Torquay" Division.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: COVENTRY DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, on Tuesday, March 7th, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: 1. Mr. W. E. Bennett will read a paper on rickets. 2. Dr. Kendrick will move the following resolution: That it is hereby resolved that no member of the profession in the area of the Division shall act as medical officer to a Friendly Society at a less remuneration than 4s. per member per annum; that the Division, in interpreting this rule, will consider that any return or donation of any kind to the society or any officer of the society is an infringement of the rule; that no member of the medical profession in the Division take over or apply for any club appointment during the time the present holder is applying for an increase in the salary. 3. Matters referred to the Division: (a) Interim report on contract practice; the recommendations of the Committee on the report will be moved by Dr J. Orton (SUPPLEMENT, November 26th, 1904, p. 179). (b) The Medical Act Amendment Bill will be explained by the Secretary, and resolutions thereon will be dealt with (SUPPLEMENT, November 26th, 1904, p. 183).—E. H SNELL, Coventry, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—A meeting will be held at the Dispensary, 113, Queen's Road, Brighton, at 4.30 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday in March (22nd), April (26th), May (24th), June (28th), annual meeting, October (25th), November (22nd). Members wishing to read papers or show cases at the meetings are requested to give at least a fortnight's notice to the Honorary Secretary, RYDING MARSH, M.D., 49, Sackville Road, Hove.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISIONS.—A combined meeting of the above Divisions will be held at the Cottage Hospital, Faversham, on Thursday, March 9th, at 2.45 p.m. Important medico-political matters, referred to the Divisions by the Annual Representative Meeting, are on the agenda for consideration. Kindly make a note of the date of the meeting in your engagement list. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are invited to attend these meetings and to introduce professional friends.—A. R. HENCHLEY, WILLIAM GOSSE, Honorary Division Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Thursday, March 16th, at 4 p.m., Dr. W. Rosser in the chair. Dinner at 6 p.m.; charge, 5s., exclusive of wine. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend, and to introduce professional friends. The Honorary Secretary would be much obliged if members would kindly inform him by post card whether they intend, if possible, to be present at the meeting, and if likely to remain to dinner. Agenda: (1) Minutes of the last meeting. (2) To decide when and where the next meeting shall be held, and to elect a chairman. (3) Consideration of various matters referred from the Medico-Political Committee (see SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, November 26th, 1904): (a) Interim report on contract practice; (b) consultation between medical witnesses; (c) memorandum *re* information to coroners; (d) report on reorganization of the Local Government Board; (e) memorandum *re* drug abuse; (f) memorandum on the payment of medical practitioners called in to assist midwives. The following papers will be read: Dr. Dundas Grant, Some Practical Points in the Treatment of Diseases of the Throat Nose, and Ear; Mr. T. H. Kellock, Intussusception. Golf Competition: It is proposed to hold a golf competition amongst members of the Croydon Division. Those members willing (a) to take part in the competition, (b) to serve on the committee, are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary on or before March 16th. Exhibition of pharmaceutical products by Messrs. Parke, Davis and Co. Surgical instruments by Messrs Evans and Wormull.—E. H. WILLOCK, Honorary Secretary, 113, London Road, Croydon.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: NORWOOD DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Thursday, March 9th, at 4 p.m.; J. H. Galton, M.D., of Upper Norwood, in the chair. Dinner at 6 p.m.; charge 7s., exclusive of wine.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. To decide when and where the next meeting shall be held, and to nominate a member of the Division to take the chair thereat.
3. Report of the South London King's College Hospital Committee. (This report was published in the SUPPLEMENT for February 18th, p. 52.)
4. Consideration of various matters referred from Medico-Political Committee (see SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, November 26th, 1904; members are requested to bring this to the meeting):
   (a) The Interim Report on Contract Practice.
   (b) Consultation between Medical Witnesses.
   (c) Memorandum *re* Information to Coroners.
   (d) The Report on Reorganization of the Local Government Board.
   (e) Memorandum *re* Drug Abuse.
   (f) Memorandum on the Payment of Medical Practitioners called in to assist Midwives (Memorandum enclosed).

The following papers, etc., will be read: Dr. Pye-Smith: Auscultation of the Chest and its relation to General Symptoms. Mr. E. M. Corner: Common Causes of Failure in Surgical Proceedings. Dr. Mercier: A Problem in Diagnosis. Members desirous of exhibiting specimens or reading notes of cases are invited to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are invited to attend and to introduce professional friends, but will be unable to vote on Divisional questions. — HENRY J. PRANGLEY, Honorary Secretary; ARTHUR W. SOPER, Assistant Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—The Council of this Branch will meet at Franklin's Restaurant, Guildhall Road, Northampton, on Tuesday, March 7th, at 3.30 p.m. E. HAINES JONES, Secretary, Northampton.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: NORTH-EAST EDINBURGH DIVISION.—An ordinary meeting of the Division will take place on Tuesday, March 7th, at 8.15 p.m., in 5, St. Andrew Square. Adoption of rule regarding vacancies. Communications to the Secretary. School Board certificates. Various matters referred to the Division (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS of November 26th, 1904, January 14th, February 4th, February 18th, February 25th, 1905). Other competent business.—G. KEPPIE PATERSON, Honorary Secretary, 19, Albany Street, Edinburgh.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A MEETING of the Central Midwives Board was held on February 23rd, at 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, with Dr. F. H. CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

FEE FOR CERTIFICATE.

Letters were received from the Clerks of the County Councils of Carnarvonshire, Radnorshire, and East Sussex, and from the Town Clerks of Hanley, Ipswich, and Southampton suggesting the reduction of the certificate fee from 10s. to 5s. or 2s. 6d. A letter was also received from the Clerk of the County Council of West Sussex, urging the retention of the certificate fee at its existing amount of 10s.

The Board agreed to take no action in regard to these letters.

STRINGENCY OF REGULATIONS.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Lindsey County Council, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the Midwives Act Committee of that body, regretting that the stringency of the Board's regulations will involve the retirement from practice on April 1st of a large number of midwives who have hitherto satisfactorily discharged their duties.

The Board decided that the letter be acknowledged, and the Committee informed that the Board has no dispensing power in the matter.

MIDWIVES AND LAYING-OUT THE DEAD.

A letter was received from the Honorary Secretary of the Herefordshire County Nursing Association enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the General County Committee of the Association protesting against Rule E, 15, prohibiting a midwife from undertaking the duty of laying-out the dead. It was decided to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution.

ATTENDANCE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

A letter from Mary A. Bradford, a certified midwife, was received, asking for directions as to how to act in case of refusal to attend on the part of a registered medical practitioner sent for under Rule E, 17. It was decided that the letter be forwarded to the local supervising authority concerned, and that a copy be sent to the Privy Council.

MIDWIVES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD.

In the case of a certified midwife, in respect of whom a prima facie case of misconduct had been established in the opinion of the local supervising authority, and in the case of another certified midwife, in respect of whom a police report was furnished, it was decided that these midwives be cited to appear before the Central Midwives Board on March 16th.

NUMBER OF WOMEN ON THE ROLL.

After consideration of applications for certificates, the names of 2,400 women were passed under Section 11 of the Act, and ordered for entry on the Roll. The following table shows the numbers of the various qualifications at present appearing on the Roll:

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland ...	6
Obstetrical Society of London	5,453
Rotunda Hospital	317
Coombe Hospital	73
Queen Charlotte's Hospital	282
Liverpool Lying-in Hospital	211
British Lying-in Hospital	8
Glasgow Maternity Hospital	210
St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester	159
Manchester Maternity Hospital	47
City of London Lying-in Hospital ...	78
Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh ...	89
Salvation Army Maternity Hospital ...	20
National Maternity Hospital, Dublin ...	18
Limerick Lying-in Hospital	10
Cork Lying in Hospital	12
Eden Hospital, Calcutta	3
Newcastle-on-Tyne Lying-in Hospital ...	11
Dundee Maternity Hospital	23
Aberdeen Maternity Hospital	12
Women in bona-fide practice, July, 1902 ...	8,448
Total enrolled...	...15,490

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE

DEPUTY INSPECTOR-GENERAL W. B. DREW has been placed on the retired list, at his own request, with the rank of Inspector-General, February 23rd. He was appointed Surgeon, September 30th, 1871; Staff Surgeon, September 30th, 1883; Fleet Surgeon, September 18th, 1892; and Deputy Inspector General, March 13th, 1901. He was Surgeon of the *Cockatrice* during the Egyptian war of 1882 (medal and Khedive's bronze star), and served with the Royal Marine Battalion at Suakin in 1884-5.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: GRAHAM E. KENNEDY, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Royal Oak* on recommissioning, March 8th; CORNELIUS BRADLEY, M.D., Fleet Surgeon, and HENRY R. GARDNER, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Caesar*, on commissioning, March 8th; GEORGE LEY, Staff Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, to assist in survey of stores at Yarmouth Hospital, temporary, March 11th; FRED. C. B. GITTINGS, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Wildfire*, for Sheerness Dockyard, February 28th; ERNEST S. REID, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Hannibal*, February 28th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. D. MURRAY, M.B., Bengal Establishment, Professor of Surgery, Medical College, Calcutta, is granted the temporary rank of Colonel whilst officiating as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Bengal, from January 18th.

Vital Statistics.

THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S QUARTERLY RETURN.

THE Registrar-General has just issued his return relating to the births and deaths during the fourth quarter of last year, and to the marriages during the three months ending September last. The marriage-rate during that period was equal to 16.7 per 1,000 of the population, being 0.2 per 1,000 below the average rate for the corresponding quarters of the ten preceding years.

The births registered in England and Wales during the quarter ending December last numbered 228,413, and were equal to an annual rate of 26.8 per 1,000 of the population, estimated at 33,763,434 persons in the middle of 1904. In the fourth quarters of the ten preceding years the rates had averaged 28.3 per 1,000. The birth-rates last quarter in the several counties ranged from 20.5 in Sussex, 21.6 in Cornwall, 22.0 in Bedfordshire, and 22.1 in Cambridgeshire, to 31.3 in Staffordshire, 33.8 in Durham, 33.9 in Glamorganshire, and 35.2 in Monmouthshire. In seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, the birth-rate averaged 28.1 per 1,000, being 1.3 per 1,000 in excess of the general English rate. In London the rate was 27.2 per 1,000, while it averaged 28.5 in the seventy-five large provincial towns, and ranged from 16.1 in Bournemouth, 16.5 in Hastings, 18.1 in Hornsey, and 19.9 in Blackburn, in Halifax, and in Bradford, to 34.7 in Tynemouth, 35.9 in Middlesbrough, 37.1 in Merthyr Tydfil, 39.0 in St. Helens, and 39.3 in Rhondda.

The births registered during the quarter under notice were 90,008 in excess of the deaths; this represents the natural increase of the population during that period. From returns issued by the Board of Trade it appears that 107,776 emigrants embarked during last quarter from the various ports of the United Kingdom at which emigration officers are stationed. Of these 107,776 emigrants, 39,589 were English, 7,895 were Scottish, and 13,047 were Irish, while 47,245 others were of foreign nationality. Compared with the averages in the corresponding quarters of the three preceding years, the proportion of emigrants in the population of the several parts of the United Kingdom showed an increase of 11.5 per cent. English, 25.1 per cent Scottish, and 75.6 per cent. Irish.

During the fourth quarter of the year the deaths of 138,405 persons were registered, equal to an annual rate of 16.3 per 1,000 persons living; this rate was 0.6 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the ten preceding years. The lowest county death-rates last quarter were 12.9 in Dorsetshire, 13.3 in Surrey, 13.5 in Kent, and 13.6 in Sussex, in Hertfordshire, in Somersetshire, and in Herefordshire; the highest rates were 18.0 in Northumberland, 18.4 in Staffordshire, 18.8 in Lancashire, and 19.6 in Durham. In seventy-six of the largest towns, with an aggregate population of more than fifteen millions, the mean rate of mortality was 17.5 per 1,000; in 142 smaller towns, containing in the aggregate upwards of four and a half millions of persons, the death-rate was 15.9 per 1,000; while in the remaining, and chiefly rural, parts of England and Wales the rate was 15.1 per 1,000; in London the death-rate was 17.0 per 1,000, while it averaged 17.7 in the seventy-five other large towns, and ranged from 8.4 in Hornsey, 11.3 in Willesden, 11.4 in King's Norton, 11.6 in Walthamstow, 12.1 in Barrow-in-Furness, and 12.2 in Bournemouth, to 21.7 in Manchester and in Tynemouth, 22.0 in Liverpool, 22.2 in South Shields, 22.4 in Middlesbrough, and 23.0 in Hanley.

The 138,405 deaths from all causes in England and Wales last quarter included 12,317 that were referred to the principal infectious diseases; of these, 3,329 were attributed to measles, 3,014 to diarrhoea, 1,989 to diphtheria, 1,737 to whooping-cough, 1,183 to scarlet fever, 1,110 to "fever" (principally enteric), and 155 to small-pox. The rate of mortality from each of these diseases, except small-pox, was lower than the average for the corresponding quarters of the ten preceding years. Of the 155 fatal cases of small-pox, 84 belonged to one or other of the 218 chief towns; 27 of these deaths belonged to Dewsbury, 7 to Oldham, 5 to Preston, 5 to Halifax, and 5 to Batley.

The rate of infant mortality, measured by the proportion of deaths among children under 1 year of age to registered births, was equal to 136 per 1,000, against an average of 149. In the several counties the rates of infant mortality ranged from 76 in Berkshire, 81 in Bedfordshire, 82 in Hertfordshire, and 85 in Herefordshire, to 161 in Warwickshire and in Cumberland, 163 in Northumberland, 173 in Lancashire, and 175 in Durham. In the seventy-six large towns the mean rate was 147 per 1,000; in London the proportion was equal to 130 per 1,000, while it averaged 155 in the seventy-five other large towns, among which the rates of infant mortality ranged from 77 in Hornsey, 81 in Bournemouth, 83 in Leyton and in Barrow-in-Furness, and 87 in Willesden, to 212 in Preston, 223 in Hanley, 252 in Blackburn, and 261 in Burnley.

The mortality in England and Wales during the three months under notice among persons aged between 1 and 60 years was equal to an annua.

rate of 8.1 per 1,000 of the population estimated to be living at this group of ages, and was 0.6 per 1,000 below the average. In the seventy-six large towns the death-rate at this age-group averaged 9 3 per 1,000; in London this death-rate was 8.9 per 1,000; while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 12 4 in Hanley, in Manchester and in Salford, 12.7 in Middlesbrough, and 13.2 in Liverpool and in South Shields.

Among persons aged 60 years and upwards the death-rate last quarter was equal to 71.5 per 1,000 of the population estimated to be living at these ages, the corrected average rate being 66.2 per 1,000. In the seventy-six towns the mean death-rate at this age-group was 78.5 per 1,000; in London the rate was 79 8 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 90.6 in Salford and in Huddersfield, 90.7 in Oldham, 90.9 in Walsall, and 101.3 in Manchester.

The mean temperature of the air during last quarter was slightly below the average in the Central, Eastern, and North-Western districts, but it was above the average in other parts of the country. The rainfall measured in London amounted to 5.2 in., or rather less than three-fourths of the average. The duration of bright sunshine in London during the quarter was 126 hours, being only 15 per cent. of the total amount possible, and 17 hours less than the average.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 7,826 births and 4,704 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, February 25th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18.0, 17.4, and 17.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined last week to 15.7 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 3.7 in Hornsey, 8.2 in King's Norton, 8.3 in Wallasey, 8.5 in Rochdale, 9 3 in Handsworth (Staffs.), 9.9 in Walthamstow, and 10.1 in East Ham, to 21.0 in Hanley, 21.4 in Warrington and in Bury, 22 8 in Ipswich, 24.7 in Wigan, 26.3 in Portsmouth, and 29.8 in Stockton-on-Tees. In London the rate of mortality was 16.0 per 1,000, while it averaged 15.6 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in the seventy-six large towns averaged 1.2 per 1,000; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.0 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five large provincial towns the rates ranged upwards to 2.7 in Middlesbrough, 2.9 in West Hartlepool and in South Shields, 3.0 in East Ham, 3.1 in West Bromwich, 4.1 in Southampton, 5.4 in Nottingham, and 5.9 in Portsmouth. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.1 in Leicester and in Stockport, 1.2 in Cardiff, 1.3 in East Ham, 1.5 in West Bromwich and West Hartlepool, 1.6 in Middlesbrough, 1.9 in South Shields, 3.2 in Southampton, 3 5 in Nottingham, and 4.6 in Portsmouth; and whooping-cough of 1.0 in Hull, 1.2 in Nottingham, 1 4 in Preston, 1.6 in Hanley, and 2.3 in Hastings. The mortality from scarlet fever, from diphtheria, from enteric fever, and from diarrhoea showed no marked excess in any of the seventy-six towns. No fatal case of small-pox was registered last week either in London or in any of the seventy-five large provincial towns. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 15 small-pox patients at the end of last week, against 13, 9, and 8 at the end of the three preceding weeks; 7 new cases were admitted during the week, against 1, 1, and 3 in the three preceding weeks. The number of scarlet fever cases remaining under treatment in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,070, 2,077, and 2,016 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further declined to 1,987 at the end of last week; 224 new cases were admitted during the week, against 229, 260, and 241 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, February 25th, 872 births and 615 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.9, 18.2, and 18.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined again last week to 18.3 per 1,000, but was 2.6 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. The rates in the eight Scotch towns ranged from 13 4 in Paisley and 15.8 in Edinburgh, to 23.8 in Dundee and 25.9 in Perth. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.9 per 1,000 in these towns, the highest rates being recorded in Aberdeen and Greenock. The 276 deaths registered in Glasgow included 4 which were referred to measles, 2 to scarlet fever, 16 to whooping-cough, 4 to enteric fever, and 5 to diarrhoea. Two fatal cases of measles, 3 of diphtheria, and 5 of whooping-cough were recorded in Edinburgh. Two deaths from whooping-cough were registered in Dundee; 4 from typhus, and 4 from diarrhoea in Aberdeen; and 2 from whooping-cough in Paisley.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, February 18th, 505 births and 393 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, against 502 births and 419 deaths in the preceding period. The mean annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 23.5, 22.8, and 20.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose slightly to 20.2 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 2.9 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 14.9 in Londonderry and 17.5 in Waterford, to 23.5 in Dublin and 24.0 in Cork. The zymotic death-rate during the same period and in the same six Irish towns averaged 0 5 per 1,000, or 0 5 per 1,000 lower than during the preceding week, the whole of the deaths being recorded in Dublin and Belfast, the other towns having registered no deaths under this heading at all. To measles 12 deaths were ascribed in Belfast and 2 in Dublin.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Two Assistant Honorary Medical Officers.

BIRKENHEAD UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

BRIGHTON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Church Street.—Non-resident House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician, and if necessary Honorary Assistant-Physician.

CARLISLE: CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer to act as House-Physician and House-Surgeon for six months each. Salary, £80 and £100 per annum respectively.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Junior House-Surgeon, resident. (2) Surgeon-in-Charge of Branch Dispensary. Salary, £50 and £90 per annum respectively.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—(1) Resident Medical Officer; (2) Pathological. Salaries, £100 and 100 guineas per annum respectively.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark.—(1) Physician to Out-patients; (2) Clinical Assistants.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.—Grieve Lectureship on Physiological Chemistry.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—(1) Pathologist and Curator, (2) Physician to Out-Patients, (3) Senior House-Surgeon, (4) Two Junior House-Surgeons, (5) Junior House-Physician. Salaries for (1) 50 guineas per annum, (3) at the rate of £60 per annum, and (4) and (5) at the rate of £30 per annum.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, at the rate of £120 per annum.

HERTS COUNTY ASYLUM, Hill End, St. Albans.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

LANCASTER: COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Casualty Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

LONDON HOSPITAL, WHITECHAPEL, E.—Assistant Surgeon.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.—Assistant House Surgeon, non-resident. Honorarium at the rate of £75 per annum.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon, resident. Salary, £50 per annum.

MIDDLESBROUGH: COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM.—Medical Superintendent. Salary to commence, £450 per annum.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL W.—Second and Third Assistants to the Director of the Cancer Research Laboratories. Salaries, £125 and £100 respectively.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Assistant Physician to Out-Patients.

NORWICH: NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—Senior Assistant House-Surgeon, resident. Honorarium, £20 for six months.

OLDHAM INFIRMARY.—Senior House Surgeon, resident. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, SOHO.—Honorary Assistant Anaesthetist.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—Three Dental Surgeons. Inclusive salary, £1 per diem, and, when necessary, travelling expenses.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—Assistant House and Visiting Surgeon, resident. Salary, £80 per annum.

WESTMINSTER GENERAL DISPENSARY, Soho.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £120 per annum.

WISBECH: NORTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOSPITAL.—Male Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon, resident. Honorarium at the rate of £75 per annum.

APPOINTMENTS.

BANNERMAN, W., M.B., District Medical Officer of the Cirencester Union.

EVANS, H. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P Lond., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Littleport District, Cambridgeshire.

FOLEY, J. J., L.R.C.P.& S.Irel., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Kilbeggan District, Westmeath.

FORDYCE, A. Dingwall, M.D., F.R.C P.Edin., Medical Registrar of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, vice A. Lockhart Gillespie, M.D., F.R.C.P.Edin., deceased.

HAWES, G. C. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Pangbourne and Whitchurch District.

MILSOME, H. B., M B., B.C.Cantab., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Chertsey District, Surrey.

MORRICE, George Gavin, M.A., M.D.Cantab., M.R.C P., Honorary Physician to the Dorset County Hospital, vice William Vawdrey Lush, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., deceased.

OSWALD, Robert I. W., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.& S.Edin., Medical Officer to the Stockwell Orphanage, Clapham Road, S.W., vice W. Soper, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

PATERSON, Walter H., M.D.Edin., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Acts for Grantham, Melton Mowbray, Stamford, Bourne, Oakham, and Uppingham County Courts.

PATTERSON, D. Wells, M.B., B.S.Durh., Honorary Physician to the Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments were made on February 27th:

House-Surgeons.—Alfred Irving, M.B., Ch.B.Vict.; R. T. Slinger, M.B., Ch.B.Vict.

House-Physicians.—H. S. West, M.B., Ch.B.Vict.; R. H. Swindells, M.B., Ch.B.Vict.

Accident Room House-Surgeon.—J. W. Anderton, M.B., Ch.B.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—The following gentlemen have been selected as House Officers from March 7th, 1905:

Resident House-Physicians.—R. E. Whitting, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab.; F. A. Brodribb, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

House-Physicians to Out-Patients.—H. R. Dean, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. C. Inman, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon.

Resident House-Surgeons.—H. A. Kish, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; G. R. Footner, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; R. E. G. Gray,

M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; J. C. F. D. Vaughan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

House-Surgeons to Out-Patients.—L. E. C. Norbury, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; D. K. Coutts, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; J. H. Bletsoe, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; R. J. C. Thompson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Obstetric House-Physicians.—(Senior) E. W. Parry, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Junior) N. C. Carver, B.A., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Ophthalmic House-Surgeons.—(Senior) A. B. Bradford, M.B., B.S.Durh., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Junior) F. R. E. Wright, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Special Departments.—Throat.—W. G. Howarth, B.A.Cantab., L.R.C.P.; G. J. Langley, M.B., B.S.Lond. Skin.—W. Haward, M.B., B.S.Durh., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; N. Carpmael, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Ear.—J. H. Drew, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; C. Ll. Morgan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Electrical Department.—F. Fowler, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A. X-Ray Department.—H. M. Thomas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Two other gentlemen received extensions of their appointments.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

COLMAN.—On March 1st, at 9, Wimpole Street, W., the wife of W. S. Colman, M.D., F.R.C.P., of a son.

DWYER.—On February 26th, at St. Leonard's House, Banbury, the wife of Hubert de Burgh Dwyer, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P Lond., of a daughter.

LANGDON-DOWN.—On Sunday, February 26th, 1905, at Normansfield, Hampton Wick, to Reginald L. Langdon-Down, M.B., M.R.C.P., and wife—a son.

MOORE.—On February 25th, at Claremont, Warley, Essex, the wife of George A. Moore, M.D., Major, R.A.M.C., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

FORBES—PAUL.—On February 27th, at All Souls' Church, Langham Place, W., James Graham, M.D., M.R C.P., son of the Rev. E. Forbes, Incumbent of Christ Church, Clevedon, Somerset, to Muriel Watson, daughter of the late Dr. Ernest Watson Paul, of Cowes, I. of W.

HEMMANS—TINSLEY.—On February 15th, at All Saints' Church, Holbeach, by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hemmans, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Drake, Vicar of Hogsthorpe, Lawrence Fielder Hemmans, M.B., B.S.Durh., F.R.C.S.Edin., of 9, Lewisham Park, S.E., to Harriet Annie, elder daughter of the late Joseph Tinsley, of Holbeach.

DEATHS.

ALLEN.—On February 25th, 1905, at 3, Carlisle Parade, Hastings, Ella Louise Katherine, wife of Bryan H. Allen, M.D., and daughter of the Rev. R. H. Dover, late Vicar of Wilsden, Yorkshire, aged 56 years.

KERR.—At 3, Hanger Lane, Ealing Common, W., suddenly, on February 25th, in her ninth year, Helen, the only daughter of Dr. James Kerr.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 9 p.m.—Dr. G. H. Savage will deliver his third Lettsomian Lecture: Mental Disorders of Decay.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Hunterian Lecture: The Physiology and Treatment of Surgical Shock and Collapse, by Professor J. P. L. Mummery.

TUESDAY.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Professor W. D. Halliburton, F.R.S.: Recent Researches on Proteid Chemistry and Proteid Diet.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m. —First Milroy Lecture: Industrial Anthrax, by Dr. T. M. Legge.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, 5 p.m. —The Adjourned Discussion on The Subsequent Course and Later History of Cases of Appendicitis after Operation. Discussion will be opened by the President (Sir R. Powell), and will be followed by Dr. Hawkins, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Battle, Sir William Bennett, Mr. Mayo Robson, and other speakers. Some further statistical tables will be provided at this adjourned meeting in addition to those which were provided at the meeting on Tuesday last. A demonstration with the epidiascope will be given by Mr. Lockwood.

WEDNESDAY.

BRITISH BALNEOLOGICAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—(1) Ballot for new Fellows. (2) Discussion: The Ethics of Health Resort Treatment, to be opened by Dr. Leonard Williams.

DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 5.15 p.m.—Demonstration of cases of interest.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, London Institution, Finsbury Circus, 8.30 p.m.—Pathological evening; exhibition of specimens.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. —Hunterian Lecture: The Physiology and Treatment of Surgical Shock and Collapse, by Professor J. P. L. Mummery.

THURSDAY.

BRITISH GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Paper, Dr. Inglis Parsons; The Choice of Treatment for Fibromyomata of the Uterus. Specimens will be shown by Dr. F. Edge.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON, Stafford Rooms, Titchborne Street, Edgware Road, W., 8.30 p.m.—Harveian Lecture: Some Modern Therapeutic Methods in Dermatology, with exhibition of cases treated by *x* and Finsen rays, by Mr. Malcolm Morris.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m. Clinical evening.—The following cases will be shown: (1) Mr. Edgar Chatterton: Argyrosis of the Conjunctiva occurring in a woman working with fulminate of silver. (2) Mr. Charles Blair: Retinitis Proliferans. (3) Mr. A. Ogilvy: Case of Pemphigus with essential shrinking of the Conjunctiva. (4) Mr. J. H. Parsons and Mr. Arnold Lawson: Sarcoma of the Choroid. (5) Mr. J. H. Parsons: Some cases of Folding of the Retina. (6) Mr. R. E. Bickerton: Peculiar changes in Optic Disc and Fundus. (7) Mr. Halliburton McMullen: Congenital Defect of Internal Rectus Muscle.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m. —Second Milroy Lecture: Industrial Anthrax, by Dr. T. M. Legge.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, N.W., 3 p.m. —The Treatment of Chronic Metritis.

FRIDAY.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—The following papers will be read: (1) Dr. Hale White; A Case of Acute Rheumatoid Arthritis with Epidiascope Demonstration. (2) Dr. Bertram Abrahams: Arthritis Deformans and its Allies. (3) Mr. Douglas Drew: Three Cases of Stenosis of the Ureter. Mr. James Berry will exhibit a case showing the result of a rhinoplastic operation. On view at 8.15 p.m. Paper at a subsequent meeting.

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH, 9, Adelphi Terrace, Strand, 7 30 p.m.—Discussion on the causes of the increased prevalence of anthrax in Great Britain, to be opened by Professor Sheridan Delépine.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. —Hunterian Lecture: The Physiology and Treatment of Surgical Shock and Collapse, by Professor J. P. L. Mummery.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Wednesday, 5 p.m., Nasal and Aural Accessory Sinuses.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, Thursday, 4 p.m.—Surgical cases.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 4 p m., The Selection of Cases for Sanatorium Treatment.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m , Facial Palsy.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C. —The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day:—Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows:—Monday, Aortic Insufficiency; Tuesday, Gaits and Postures in Organic and Functional Diseases; Wednesday, The Treatment of Puerperal Sepsis; Thursday, Orthopaedic Surgery.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Central Out-patient Department, 7, Fitzroy Square, W.—Thursday, 5 p.m., Bronchial Affections of Children—II, Secondary.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m, Cranial Nerves; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Optic Atrophy.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Tottenham Hospital, N. —Tuesday, 4 30 p.m., Mental Affections of Childhood and Adolescence; Friday, Prognosis in Acute Pulmonary Affections.

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith, W.—The following lectures and demonstrations have been arranged for next week: Monday, 5 p.m., Indigestion; Tuesday, 5 p.m., Childrens' Teeth and their Diseases; Wednesday, 3 p.m. (at Hanwell Lunatic Asylum), Prognosis in Mental Diseases; Thursday, 5 p.m., Practical Surgery; Friday, 5 p.m., Cases of Skin Disease.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Dundee Social Union: Report of Investigation into Social Conditions in Dundee. Part I, Medical Inspection of School Children. Dundee: John Leng and Co., Limited. 1905. 1s.

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CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Month.	Day of Week.	Meetings to be Held.
March	3...FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p m. " Chairmen of Committee *re* Alteration of Memorandum, 3 p.m. " Premises and Library Subcommittee at the close of the 3 o'clock Committee.
"	4...SATURDAY...	
"	5.. Sunday..	
"	6...MONDAY ...	
"	7...TUESDAY ...	Coventry Division, *Birmingham Branch*, Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. 8.30 p.m. North-East Edinburgh Division, *Edinburgh Branch*, 5, St. Andrew Square, 8.15 p.m. South Midland Branch, Council Meeting, Franklin's Restaurant, Guildhall Road, Northampton, 3.30 p.m.
"	8...WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Secretaries of Branches and Divisions on the Central Council, 3 p m.
"	9...THURSDAY...	Norwood Division, *South-Eastern Branch*, Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood. 4 p.m. Canterbury and Faversham Divisions, *South-Eastern Branch*, Combined Meeting, The Cottage Hospital, Faversham, 2.45 p.m.
"	10...FRIDAY ...	Scottish Division, *Border Counties Branch*, Maxwell Arms Hotel, Dalbeattie, 3.30 p.m.
"	11...SATURDAY...	
"	12.. Sunday..	
"	13...MONDAY ...	
"	14...TUESDAY ...	Bradford Division, *Yorkshire Branch*, Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, 8.30 p.m.
"	15...WEDNESDAY	Latest date for furnishing Annual Report and Financial Statement of all Branches to General Secretary (By-law 9) Sectional Committees to send proposed subjects for discussion in the Sections at the Annual Meeting to the General Secretary by this date.
"	16...THURSDAY...	LONDON: Metropolitan Counties Branch Division Secretaries. 5.0 p.m. Croydon Division, *South-Eastern Branch*, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 4 p m.
"	17...FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Ethical Committee, 2.0 p m " Annual Meetings Sections Committee. 5.0 p m. " Conference of Delegates of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, 5.0 p.m.
"	18...SATURDAY...	
"	19...Sunday..	
"	20...MONDAY ...	
"	21...TUESDAY ...	
"	22...WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 3.0 p m. Brighton Division, *South-Eastern Branch*, Dispensary, 113, Queen's Road, Brighton, 4.30 p.m.
"	23...THURSDAY...	City Division, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Business Meeting, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., 4 p.m. Wandsworth Division, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Wandsworth Town Hall, 9.0 p.m.
"	24...FRIDAY ...	
"	25 . SATURDAY...	
"	26...Sunday..	
"	27 . MONDAY ...	
"	28 TUESDAY ...	
"	29...WEDNESDAY	
"	30...THURSDAY...	Altrincham Division, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Quarterly General Meeting, Brooklands Hotel, 5 p.m.
"	31...FRIDAY ...	
April	1...SATURDAY...	
"	2...Sunday..	
"	3...MONDAY ...	
"	4...TUESDAY ...	
"	5...WEDNESDAY	Notices of Motion for Quarterly Council Meeting must be given on or before this day.
"	6...THURSDAY...	
April	7...FRIDAY ...	
"	8...SATURDAY...	
"	9 . Sunday..	
"	10...MONDAY ...	
"	11...TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee, 10.30 a.m.
"	12...WEDNESDAY	" Journal and Finance Committee.
"	13...THURSDAY...	
"	14...FRIDAY ...	Wandsworth Division, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Worple Hall, Wimbledon, 9.0 p.m.
"	15...SATURDAY...	Notices of Motion for Annual Representative Meeting must be sent by Divisions to General Secretary on or before this day In view of Easter Week, notices of Branch and Division Meetings for insertion in the next issue of JOURNAL should be posted to-day.
"	16...Sunday..	
"	17...MONDAY ...	
"	18...TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Premises and Library Committee.
"	19...WEDNESDAY	" Central Council, 11 a.m.
"	20...THURSDAY...	
"	21...FRIDAY ...	*Good Friday.*
"	22...SATURDAY...	Notices of Motion for Annual Representative Meeting appear in JOURNAL.
"	23...Sunday..	
"	24...MONDAY ...	*Bank Holiday.* Elections by Divisions of Representatives for Representative Meetings are required to be held between this date and July 3rd.
"	25...TUESDAY ...	Matters for consideration by Organization Committee on May 9th should be notified to Medical Secretary on or before this day.
"	26...WEDNESDAY	Brighton Division, *South-Eastern Branch*, Dispensary, 113, Queen's Road, Brighton, 4.30 p m.
"	27...THURSDAY...	City and Walthamstow Divisions, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Conjoint Meeting, Brooke House, Upper Clapton, 8.30 p m. Wandsworth Division, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Clapham Junction, 4 p.m.
"	28...FRIDAY ...	
"	29...SATURDAY...	List of Members closed for publication.
"	30...Sunday..	
May	1...MONDAY ...	
"	2...TUESDAY ...	
"	3...WEDNESDAY	
"	4...THURSDAY...	
"	5 ..FRIDAY ...	
"	6.. SATURDAY...	
"	7...Sunday..	
"	8...MONDAY ...	
"	9...TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee.
"	10...WEDNESDAY	
"	11...THURSDAY...	
"	12...FRIDAY ...	
"	13...SATURDAY...	
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"	19...FRIDAY ...	
"	20 . SATURDAY ..	
"	21 Sunday..	
"	22...MONDAY ...	

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-third annual meeting of the Association will be held at Leicester on July 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th. The Honorary Local Secretaries are Dr. Astley V. Clarke, 37, London Road, Leicester, and Mr. F. Bolton Carter, M.S., 99, London Road, Leicester; the Honorary Secretary of the Pathological Museum is Dr. Robert Sevestre, 119, London Road, Leicester.

The Annual General Meeting for business will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 24th, and the first session of the Annual Representative Meeting will be held immediately afterwards. The first meetings of the Sections will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26th.

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